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Presidente:

I am writing to you on behalf of Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo. On 11 September 1973, a violent coup d'état overthrew the democratically-elected government of President Salvador Allende. Nelson who is a 22-year-old Mapuche Indian, and a student at the State Technical University in Temuco. He was a communist. The uniformed men threatened the rest of the occupants in the house and told the family that they were taking Nelson to the Maguohua air force base and that he would then be transferred to Temuco prison. His family never saw him alive again.

In March 1990 a Mapuche Indian came forward to say that Nelson Curinir's body had been found on the banks of the River Cautín in 1973 and was buried as a "NN" (name unknown) in a cemetery near Temuco. The autopsy report revealed that he had been shot in the back of the head.

As you know 1992 is being marked in a number of countries as the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Europeans on the continent. That is why I am concerned about human rights committed against Indigenous people of the Americas.

I am very concerned about the extrajudicial execution of Nelson Curinir in 1973.



I welcome the investigations into his killing and ~~express~~ the hope that the full truth will emerge and that those responsible for his death will be brought to justice.

Yours sincerely

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