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September 4, 1992

Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azocar Presidente de la Republica de Chile Palacio de la Moneda Santiago, Chile



Your Excellency:

We are so gratified at your decision to commute the death sentences of Mauro Gonzalez Quispe, Rene Larico Aguilar and Lisbert Fausto Mamani Morales.

It is with great concern. though, that reports state that Rafael Escorza Henriquez was sentenced to death. We trust that you will see fit to commute this sentence.

We work worldwide against capital punishment in all cases, believing it to be "cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment" as stated in the UN Declaration of Human Rights Universal.

Surely you will want to join the many countries who have seen fit to abolish the execution of its citizens. Over 40% of countries of the world have done away with this kind of punishment - many studies have been made and go forth regarding alternative sentencing, such as community service, etc.

Thank you for your help in this critical matter. We will appreciate hearing from your office.

Respectfully,

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Excelencia:

I welcome President Patricio Aylwin's opposition to the death penalty, and I respectfully request that he exercise his power of clemency to commute the death sentences against Mauro Gonzalez Quispe, Rene Larico Aguilar, and Lisbert Fausto Mamani Morales.

I am a member of Amnesty International, an organization who opposes the death penalty in all cases on the grounds that it is cruel and inhumane punishment. I also ask for the total abolition of the death penalty in Chile in line with the worldwide trend (over 40 percent of all countries have now abolished the death penalty in law or in practice). The abolition of the death penalty would ensure long-term respect for the human rights of all peoples, regardless of nationality, which the death penalty clearly violates.

Please let me know about the situation described above by sending me a letter at the address below. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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