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Your Excellency,

We, the members of the terre des hommes group in Aachen, have been informed that death threats and intimidations have occurred to members of a project we support in Chile, to CODEPU, the committee for the defense of the rights of people. An office has been raided and death threats have been voiced by telephone, in which the members are accused of being communists when they are exercising their legitimate activities for the assurance of human rights.

With this letter, we would like to express our concern over such threats and acts of physical violence. We take such matters seriously and entreat you to support an investigation to assess the responsible persons and organizations and ensure they are brought to justice. At the same time, we ask that adequate measures are enacted to protect the lives of CODEPU members. We are personally acquainted with one member, for whom we have the highest regard and respect; accordingly, this is a very personal matter to us, the development of which we will continue to follow closely.

The gradual improvement of Chile's dismal human rights record should not be thrown back to a level on which the protection of basic human rights can only be performed under fear of reprisal. We hope this development will not continue and thank you very much for your invested time and efforts.

Sincerely,

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