

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

Your Excellency,

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Having been overjoyed at the return of freedom and democracy to Chile after so many years of brutal military dictatorship, I have been shocked and saddened to hear about the attempts being made to evict the Mapuche-Pehuenche people from their ancestral lands in the Andes.

The Mapuche-Pehuenche people are the rightful owners of their ancestral domain because the process through which legal title was transferred to private landowners was clearly unjust and immoral. International law and the principles of justice support the right of the Mapuche-Pehuenche people to continue to use and occupy their ancestral territory without disturbance or interference.

I urge you, therefore, Your Excellency, to stop the eviction process which has been initiated against the Mapuche-Pehuenche people and to remove from their area the military units which have been sent to carry out the eviction. Let the whole world see that the unspeakable injustice which for nearly two decades marred the beautiful face of your country has been finally removed and for ever defeated.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Sorly

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