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Your Excellency,

The National Commission for Truth and Reconciliation stressed in its report of March 1991 that the Mapuche indians have been treated with "extreme cruelty" by the military regime that was in power from 1973 to 1990. The Commission found that nearly 100 Mapuches had been executed or had "disappeared" in that period, following their abduction by the army or security forces.
We hereby urge you to have these violations of human rights further investigated and to have those responsible brought to trial. To make such trials possible we also ask for the repeal of the Amnesty Law of 1978 (Decree Law 2191). This law currently makes the prosecution of people who violated human rights before 1978 impossible and so can encourage the recurrence of such violations.

Yours respectfully,

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