

Your Excellency,

It's an hounour for me to write to You.I mustexpress my concern about the possible transferral to military jurisdiction of investigations into the torture and "disappearance" of Alfonso Chanfreau Oyarce in the context of the repeated failure of the military courts to investigate cases of human rights violations and to bring those responsible to justice.

I am also expressing Amnesty International's concern about the impunity of those responsible for human rights violations during the former military government and urging the government to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice so that the full truth in cases like that of Alfonso Chanfreau Oyarce can be revealed. Ask the government to repeal the 1978 Amnesty Law (Decree Law 2191) which has prevented and continous to obstruct full judicial investigations into abuses committed before 1978.

Yours respectfully

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Your Excellency, considering the repeated failure of the military courts to investigate cases of human rights violations, I expect investigations into the torture and "disappearance" of Alfonso Chanfreau Oyarce will not be transferred to military jurisdiction.

Judging from previous cases the military courts tend to abuse the 1978 Amnesty Law (Decree Law 2192) in order to prevent or obstruct full judicial investigations into human rights violations committed before 1978.

I ask the government to repeal the 1978 Amnesty Law and urge you to exert every conceivable means to reveal the truth about the fate of Mr. Oyarce and others who "disappeared" like him.

I request that those responsible for these violations of human rights be brought to justice; not only for the sake of the mourning families, but also to remove all doubts concerning the government's attitude to crimes of this kind.

Yours sincerely,

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