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Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azocar  
Presidente de la Republica de Chile  
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Dear President Azocar,

I am writing you to express my concern for the security of the members of Comité de Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo (Codepu).

The death threats the Codepu received by telephone on January 29th following the break-in of their offices earlier that day prompt me to write to you to ask that adequate steps be taken to protect the lives and physical integrity of the members and offices of Codepu. I also ask that the source of these threats and the circumstances of the break-in be thoroughly investigated and that once those responsible are found that they be brought to justice.

My concern for the security of Codepu following these events is motivated solely by interest in the protection of human rights and is in no way politically involved. I urge you, Mr. President, to take measures that will ensure that members of human rights groups such as Codepu are able to conduct their legitimate activities without fear of reprisal.

I write to you with the conviction stated in Article 3 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights: "Each person has the right to life, freedom and protection of his person."

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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