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Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azócar
Presidente de la República
de Chile
Palacio de la Moneda
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Excelencia Sr. Presidente de la República.

I am writing to you on behalf of an Amnesty International group in a small town in Norway.

In the contexts of the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Europeans, Amnesty International is focussing on human rights violations against indigenious peoples in the Americas.

We therefore would like to express our deep concern about the disappearance of

Antonio Aninao Morales

a farmer who lived with his wife and three children on a small landholding near Melipeuco. He campained for better conditions for the Mapuche Indians. On September 24 1973 he was seen at the police-station. After that he disappeared.

We welcome the judicial investigations that are being conducted into the case, and hope that the full thruth will emerge and those responsible brought to justice.

However, we will ask you, Sr. Presidente, to repeal the 1978 amnesty law (Decree Law 2191), which has prevented and continues to obstruct full judicial investigations of human rights abuses committed before 1978. Bringing the perpetrators to justice is not only importantin respect of this particular case, but also sends a clear message that violations of human rights will not be tolerated and that those who commit such acts will be held fully accountable.

Sincerely

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