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

Dear President:

I am writing to you concerning the reported death threats received by members of CODEPU, Comité de Defensa de los Deprechos del Pueblo, a human rights organization in Santiago, on 29 January, 1992.

Following a break-in at the offices of CODEPU on 29 January, nine telephone calls were received. The callers, who in the second call identified themselves as the Frente Nacionalista de Combate, Nationalist Combat Front, said that they knew who the members of CODEPU were and that they would kill them. They also accused them of being "communists".

I would respectfully ask that your government investigate the threats that have been made against members of the CODEPU and that those found to be responsible be brought to justice. In the interim, I would ask that steps be taken to protect the lives and physical integrity of all members of CODEPU until those found responsible can be brought to justice.

Lastly, I would ask that your government take measures to ensure that members of human rights groups are able to conduct their legitimate activities without fear of reprisal.

Thank you very much for your time and I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

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