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Dear President,

I write from a purely humanitarian point of view and not political. I wish to give my support with this letter to the campaign by the organisation Amnesty International against the abuse of human rights in Chile and especially between 73-78 and also in particular abuses against indigenous people.

The unresolved case of the extrajudicial execution of Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo around 5 October 1973 highlights this. He was arrested by airforce men on that night. His family were told he was to be taken to Maquehua base and then Temuco prison. A radio announcement on 18 October said he had escaped. He was last seen being taken from Maquehua on 13 October. His body was found and through the power of the CNVR, Comisión Nacional de Verdad y Reconciliación, it was identified in 1990 by his family and it was found he had been shot in the back of the head.

The possibility of tracing the person or persons responsible is removed by the amnesty law of 1978 which protects the perpetrators of abuses from 73-78. Amnesty International believes the perpetrators of this time should be brought to justice both for the sake of the victims but also in order to prevent present and future abuses, and that the amnesty law constitutes an obstacle to this,

I Hope an investigation with full powers can reveal the full truth about Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo's murder, and that the truth about all other "disappear-ances", extrajudicial executions and cases of torture can be brought to light.

Yours sincerely,

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