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Presidente de la Republica,
Palacio de la Moneda,
Santiago de Chile;
Chile.

Dear Mr. President,

I write concerning the indigenous peoples of your Country, tribal peoples who were the original inhabitants of the land, and are still its citizens, together with the settlers who arrived at the time of Columbus or later.

I ask that in all respects the way of life and culture of these peoples is respected and allowed to continue, and that their rights are protected from all incursions upon their lands, and maltreatment of their peoples, as has so often occurred in the past, and still happens to-day.

If any people are oppressed or overpowered, it diminishes those who perpetrate such acts, or who allow them to take place.

It will also prove a tragic loss to mankind as a whole, in both self-respect, and vital knowledge of the land and its products.

With every good wish, and hope for the future, for all your peoples,

Yours sincerely,

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