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REPUBLICA DE CHILE
PRESIDENCIA
REGISTRO Y ARCHIVO

Your Excellency,

I welcome joyfully your opposition to the death penalty and respectfully request that you exercise your power of clemency and commute the death sentence of Juan Domingo Salvo Zuñiga.

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P.A.A.	R.C.A.	F.W.M.
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As a member of Amnesty International I oppose the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

I call for total abolition of the death penalty in Chile in line with the worldwide trend of abolishing the death penalty (over 40% of all countries have abolished it in law or in practice). Abolishing the death penalty would ensure long-term respect for the human rights of Chilean citizens, which the death penalty clearly violates.

As you know, it is wrong to kill and the death penalty involves killing. The death penalty is also wrong because it is not the best solution because the same can be accomplished by keeping a criminal in prison for the rest of his life without killing him.

Sincerely,

Mike Jagner