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Your Excellency

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I am a member of Amnesty International and I have recently read a report on human rights abuses against indigenous peoples in the Americas and was shocked to read of the case of Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo, an Mapuche indian and activist in the Communist Party, who was murdered in October 1973.

The report informed me that a 1978 law grants amnesty to member of the armed forces involved in human rights violations committed between 11 September 1973 and 10th March 1978. It would appear that this law is being used to close investigations into abuses which occurred prior to 1978, before the full facts have been clarified and criminal responsibility established.

I would be interested to hear from you in regards to this and other cases.

Yours respectfully and sincerely

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