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To his Excellency  
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Your Excellency,

I welcome your decision to commute the death sentences of Mauro Gonzales Quispe, Rene Larico Aguilar and Lisbert Fausto Mamani Morales but I am considerably disturbed about reports saying that

**Rafael Escorza Henriquez**

has been sentenced to death.

For several reasons, I urge you to use your influence to grant clemency and to commute his death sentence into a prison-penalty.

In the history of mankind there is and has never been any provable educational effect of death-penalties, neither - and almost macabre to say - on the executed persons, nor on other ones to discourage them from committing new crimes.

So, the only remainder is the torturing stress on the condemned person awaiting its execution - only an animalish kind of revenge for a crime which cannot be undone.

I also oppose the death penalty on principle as a violation of human rights. Under no circumstances the state is justified in violating the inalienable right of life of the individual.

Therefor I welcomed that in march 1990, the abolition of the death penalty was proposed by the Civilian Government in Chile.

I request you to abolish totally the death penalty in Chile which would ensure long-term respect for the human rights of all people.

Yours sincerely

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