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President Patricio Aylwin, Palacio de la Moneda, Santiago, Chile.

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Dear President,

Campaign for Real Democracy in Chile

I enclose herewith a copy of a manifesto received from the Merseyside Latin American Solidarity Front for Real Democracy in Chile which was considered by the Executive Council of the GPMU at it's recent meeting.

The Executive Council fully supported this Campaign which seeks to continue supporting the poor and oppressed in Chile.

Despite recent internal changes in Chile there are still a number of outstanding socio-economic and political factors which need to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

These factors include:

- (a) The undemocratic nature of your Parliament, in that a number of it's members are not elected.
- (b) The continued imprisonment of political prisoners.
- (c) The continued repression of working people and their trades unions.

and

(d) the control and domination of the Chilean media by a few unrepresentative organisations.

I would appreciate it if you would advise us urgently of the actions that you intend to take in order to improve the unsatisfactory situation in Chile.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Dubbins

General Secretary

Chile under the Government of Mr. Patricio Aylwin is not a Democracy.

For Chile to be a REAL Democracy the following points must be fulfilled:

- 1) To abolish the 1980 Military Constitution still in force under Aylwin's Government and to draw a new Constitution approved by the Chilean people.
- 2) To suspend the activities of the Members of Parliament appointed by Pinochet, the former Dictator, and to elect new ones to replace them.
- 3) To abolish the Secret Police which has been incorporated into the Army.
- 4) To replace Pinochet as the Head of the Army and to create new Police, Army, Navy and Air Force structures that will defend the people and that will wever be against it.
- 5) To stop the repression against the labour and trade union movement and to recognize their rights.
- 6) To liberate immediately the 179 political prisoners and to bring Pinochet and military and secret police personnel involved in crimes against the Chilean people to trial.
- 7) To stop poverty and social inequalities in Chile by developing an economy which will benefit the majority of the population and not a tiny group of Capitalists and foreign companies.

In order to do so, a plan of nationalizations and social property would have to be enforced in which the working masses are true participants in the process of economic transformation and not mere spectators as in the Stalinist model of development, a model that has entered into crisis in Eastern Europe during the last years.

The new economy will have to be guided by social property rather than private property. It will have to nationalize all the foreign and national monopolistic groups.

- 8) To stop the environmental crisis, specially in the South of Chile.
- 9) To recognize the rights of the Mapuche Indians to land, work and freedom.
- 10) To put an end to the partiality of the media, which represents the view of the free market model, by creating a media for the people and by the people.
- 11) To stop the commercialisation of Health and Education by developing Health and educational systems according to the interests of the majority.

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FOR REAL DEMOCRACY IN CHILE AND DEMAND THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUSPENDS ITS LINKS WITH THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT UNTIL REAL DEMOCRACY EXISTS IN THAT COUNTRY.