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INTO THE CRIMES
OF THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE
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Dear Sir,

We would like to inform you that the International Commission of Enquiry into the Crimes of the Military Junta in Chile has decided to organise a new event which will take the form of a Hearing on "Arbitrary arrests and detentions in Chile" to be held in Helsinki at the Finlandia House on March 28th - 29th, 1976.

As you certainly know, the first session of the International Commission was convened in Helsinki in March 1974. Other sessions were held in Copenhagen in June 1974 and in Mexico City in February 1975.

The International Commission has established good relations with the UN Human Rights Commission, the ILO, UNESCO and other international bodies, as well as with many national organisations. In its activities the International Commission is receiving considerable support from all the Chilean political parties which made up the Unidad Popular.

As we all know, the crimes of the Chilean Military Junta are continuing, notwithstanding the indignation and protests of world public opinion and in blatant defiance of many resolutions of the United Nations and other international organisations.

Deeply concerned about the continuous gross violations of Human Rights in Chile, the International Commission of Enquiry into the Crimes of the Military Junta in Chile has decided to hold the above-mentioned Hearing.

It is envisaged that the Hearing will be attended by about 50 representatives from broad political, cultural, religious and social sectors from approximately 30 countries.

About 15 witnesses will testify about their personal experience of terror in Chile.

A high-level Chilean delegation representing the political organisations of the Unidad Popular and other parties is also expected to participate.

The International Commission of Enquiry feels sure that this event will be of interest to you. During the Hearing there will be regular press briefings and opportunities to interview witnesses, Chilean delegates and members of the International Commission. A press centre will be set up at Finlandia House. We shall be sending you the definite time-table of press briefings, etc., in due course. Should you require further information at this stage, please contact the Permanent Secretariat in Helsinki (Mr. Schiffner, tel. 64 02 23).

Hoping that you will be able to cover this event,

We remain,
Yours sincerely,



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