

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO THE CRIMES OF THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE COMISION INTERNACIONAL INVESTIGADORA DE LOS CRIMENES DE LA JUNTA MILITAR EN CHILE

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Dear friends,

We would like to inform you that the International Commission of Enquiry has sent a letter to Mr. Ghullam Ali Allana, Chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission.

In the letter it is stressed that the International Commission is continuing its investigations into the Chilean situation especially in respect to arbitrary arrests and detentions and disappearances. In the letter the International Commission regrets and denounces the new refusal of the Chilean authorities to permit a visit of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the UN Human Rights Commission to Chile. By refusing this visit the Junta is giving another proof that it is not willing to take "all necessary measures to restore and safeguard basic human rights and fundamental freedoms" and that it is not willing "to respect the provisions of the international instruments to which Chile is a party" (Resolution A 3448 XXX of December 8th, 1975).

The International Commission is informing the UN Human Rights Commission that it has received informations on new arbitrary arrests in Chile. Most of the arrested persons have disappeared. There is reason to believe that their lives are in danger. In its letter the International Commission of Enquiry expressed the opinion that urgent actions by the organs of the United Nations should be taken in order to promote the immediate release of all poilitical prisoners in Chile and to promote the restoration of human rights and freedoms in this country.

We are sending you today a copy of the list with some names of Chileans arrested recently. This list was submitted to the UN Human Rights Commission for study and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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