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Mister Chairman,

Honorable members of the International Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the militants and the leadership of the National Liberation Front, I am pleased to welcome you in Algeria who is proud to hast your august assembly to consider together a problem of a reat concern to all of us and to all the peoples strughing for freedom, dignity and justice.

This indeed au opportunity for us to reaffirm our full solidarity with the people of Chili and its democratic forces strugghing for their usurped freedom.

The Algeria people who has to much suffered from colonialitt repression and its crimes for 132 years and who as still burfrying newly found martyrs, is fully aware of the importance of the misfortures imposed on the chilean people and ardenthy sympathises with it. The Algerian people is also deeply concerned with the development of the heroic struggle of the chilean people against the dictatorship of the military junta imposed through the threat and use of arms.

Mister Chairman, Honorable members of the Commission

As the genuine representatives of the conscionnness of the present times, you are indeed best qualified to inquire into the crimes of the fascist military junta in Chile. Your meeting is the demonstration of your acting solidarity with the chilean people. Your meeting is also a contribution to the disclosing of the conspiracy of silence of which the chilean people is the victim. Your meeting is bening held in due time sicne dome quarter are still striving to demy human righto through the well designed propaganda launched by zionism and imperialism.

Ever since the setting ups of yours Commission we have been deeply intersted in your work initiated in Helsinki durning your first session of 1974.

We do apprecite also the contribution of your Commission to the hisclosing of arbitrary practices exerted against the popular masses of Cile and particularly against the leaders, and the militants of the Popular Unity movement as welle as against all those who are stugghing against the infustice and fascism imposed through the threat and use of arms.

The thoroughmess and objectivity of your inquires are recosmized loy international public opinion as welle as by international organisations.

Your activies combined with the efforts made by humanitarian social and legal organisations have led to the setting up of an and hoc commission within the United Nations, and to the adoption by the XXXII Session of the General Assembly of a resolution strough condeming the chilean military dictotorship and denomering tis policy which is opposed to human rights.

As a matter of fact, your mission is more than a mere statemen of crimes and violations. Your mission must reveal the importance of, the danger threatening one of the historical

assets dear to the strugghing peoples, that is the right to self, determination and the right to choose the regime they think suitable to them.

The tragic throwing down of the government of popular unity and the assassination of President Salvador ALLENDE, the the martyr of freedom and non alignement should not be regarded as an internal issue concerning the chilean people alone. They are part of the imperialist offensive directed against Latin America, Asia and Africa; they constitute a linke in the chain of plots animed at isolating the revolutionary regimes of the First Wold to weaker the block of non aligned countries.

The assassination of Salvador Allende and the stifling of the denocratic experience in Chile is another demonstration of an important reality characterized by brutality and the sanguinary nature of exploiting regimes and their refusal to respect, even formally the democratic regimes, as soon as their privileges are at state.

The Chilean people chose freely and democratically its regime which did not justify any form of repression.

Nowever, as soon as it because cleas that such an option was a threat to capitalistic monopolies and that the people began to exertise its national sovereignty over its wealth, and to liquidate the bases of exploitation, then the powers backing those interests reacted with force and barbarousness.

Mister Chairman, Dear Brothers,

The experience of Chile is not the only one demonstrating the contempt harboured by imperialism and its mercenaries towards Human Rights and the rights of peoples as well as its determination to perpetnate its privileges and interests. Another example is that of the Sahraoui people.

In addition to international and regional organisation, the United Nations he ocknowledjed its right to self determination. All nations and parties concerned, and even those who owe their very existence to the implementation of such a right have acknowledjed the latter.

But the convergence of colonialist greed and expansionist intentions harboured by the Rabat and Nouakchott regimes have ignored this right and caused the Sahraoui people to be tora apart and their lands and riches to be partitioned among the thieves and aggressors party to the famous Madrid deal. These thieves have new partners who assist them in the name of cooperation, defence and safeguard.

The pure blood of the sahraoui people which is shed daily urges you, champions of justice and democracy, to be concerned with what is going on in that country, and to set up other committes to enquire into the nature of the crimes perpetrated against this people whose only sin is rejection of subservience and slavery this people which is valiantly struggling against its being treated as a berd of cattle for purclase and sale.

I do not wish to protract the list of examples of assassinations and continued violations of the rights of man and of peoples occurring elsewhere, in santherm Africa, Namibie, Zimbabwe and Palestine.

If the nature of a regime may be defined on the basis of the nature of its friends and allies, a glimpse at the list of the allies of the Fascist regime in Chili enables us to define the essence of this regime. One of the strangest paradoxes is that the iniquitous regimes and forces assisting the fascist, racist and exploiting governments, are raising slogan in the very support of human rights and in their campaign, going to the extent of violating the unity and savereignty of peoples.

A clear example of this hypocrisy is the campaign of systematic propagande waged by world zionism at all levels against the Soviet Union, with a view to compelling the latter to have an indirect share in the assassination of the right of the Palestinian people. Meanwhile zionists are allawed to invade this people's lands, and the zionist plunder lent support through this campaign.

The threat against people's rights is no longer confined to the third world. Even the peoples of Western Burope, in the very era of international detente and peaceful coexistence, are not immune from it. They, too, are threatered and prevented from exercising their right to self determination and from closing the regimes suitable to them.

Mister Chairman,

The purpose behind my recalling these examples through the evocation of images whose constitutive elements you are well aware of, is to enable us to come out to one conclusion - namely that the fascist Chili regime is not alone to be accused and denounced, as there are other associated forces who are sympathetic to and partners in the crimes it is perpetrating and who are benefiting from them.

We wish to seize this opportunity to renew our support to the national liberation movements in the Western Sahara, in Palestine, Namibie, Southern Africa and Zimbabwe, which constitute strategic targets for imperialism and neo-colonialism.

The Algerian Revolution is, as you have always known it, forever faithful to the principles of solidarytwith, and active support to, the liberation movements and the just causes in all parts of the world.

Once more I wish to thank you and to reiterate to you the solidarity of the Algerian people and its Leadership, wishing you full success.