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Dear friends,

Several weeks ago the fascist dictatorship of Pinochet pretendet to demonstrate before the world the support he lacked To this end, the 4th of january this year, it was carried out the fraud so called "The National Consultation". But nobody save those who are ready to accept any big lie could believe the proclamed results. On the contrary it became clear that the fascist dictatorship has entered into a profoun crisis. Its building showed cracks. Two military institutions have made their ostentative disagreement with the tyrant's decision. even among the civil base upon which he sustains, among the reduced of big capitalists and landlords there are differences too because the cathastrophic economic economic policy it's carried out. Even inside the imperialist circles od the North America – father of the creature – there are groups abandoning Pinochet.

All this doesn't occur accidentally. It is the answer to the increasing workers' struggles and to the struggle of all the democratic forces in the country and to the isolation of the tyrany at both the international and national arena.

Speaking about this last matter, I should like to emphasize the importance of the powerful movement of solidarity emerged in favour of our people. For more than four years it has show its enormous strength. Pinochet thought that with the time the solidarity would lise its power and would fall dawn completely. But he was wrong. Even among us - why don't say sothere were those, who thought that after the freedom of several prisoners was achieved - among others my freedom - the internation solidarity would disminish notoriously. But this didn't happen.

We live a time when the peoples of the world feel among themselves here on the spot are Anibal Palma, Gustavo Ruz and myself for whose release and ttrat of others the 3rd Session of the Commission, held in Mexico City in February 1975, raised its powerful voice. as brothers, they consider the struggle of

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each of them as their own struggle. Thus we can explain that the causes of Chile and Uruguay, Angola and Mozambique, Vietnam and the Λ rab peoples have such a big resonance all over the r world.

One elocuent proof of the inmense echo of the international solidarity with the people of Salvador Allende is the fact that the last UN General Assembly - the fourth time - condemned the Pinochet's fascist regime. 99 States made it this time.

This condemnation reflects the widh of the movement of solidarity with the Chilean people, movement which embraces all the continents and it is formed by the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, the non aligned nations, different progressive countries, workers', yoth' women' organizations, chuches of various faiths, prominent figures of the science and the culture, millions of people - men and women of all languages.

I should like to thank cordially the International Commission fo Enquiry into the crimes of the Military Junta in Chile for its activities. The efforts and sacrifices of its Chairman, Mr Jacob Söderman, of its General Secretary, Mr Franck -whose enter to Chile was forbidden by the tyrant, and of all the other persons of the Commission has not been and will not be n in vain halm agregads verbal.

Algiers. Under the direction of President Boumedienne, Algiers distinguished itself as a great friend of Chile, during the days of the popular Unity's Government and today is one of the most solidary countries. The realizaccion of this Fifth Session in its beautiful capital is a new demonstration of its big support to our struggle.

The drama of the political prisoners is considered on the Agenda to this Fifth Session. Among the political prisoners recognized by the Dictatorship are somes which are detained from the first day. It is the case of Carlos Lazo, Socialist leader; of the Colonel Galaz, of the campaign to achieve their freedom will be increased during the next days.

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The struggle to save the life and to obtain the freedom of the dissapeared has already reached a very important level. The their wives, mothers and children have carried out heroic actions and have imposed in the country even there right to protest on the street. The questions: Where are the disappeared? What happened to them? When will be give answer about them? Persecute Pinochet every day. The national and international public opinion demand from him to answer about Victor Diaz and Exequiel Ponce, under Secretaries General of the Communist and Socialist Parties; of Carlos Lorca and José Weibel, General Secretary and under Secretary General of the Socialist and Communist youth's organizations respectively; Edgardo Enriquez and Bautista van Showen of the MIR; Mario Zamorano, Jorge Munoz, Reinalda Pereira and Eliana Espinoza, about everyone and all of the disappeared.

The tyrant intended to mislead the world public opinion giving ridiculous expanations and always denying the existence of these disappeared prisoners. But he knows that he lies. We don't speak about persons with names and families, we speak about Chileans whomthousand of-citizens know and who - in the majority of cases - were arrested at their homes, jobs and in the streets before eyewitnesses.

Permit me to ask the following: that all the personalities présent here, the political, trade - union, religious, youth cultural organizations that they represent display their efforts with the maximum energy in favour of these persons - pur compatriots - whose situation is tragedy all the Chileans live sahken by.

I make this plea without invoking any doctrine, but the most fundamental human feeling.

Some days ago the dictatorship has detained and relegated 16 members of the Christian Democratic Party. The former President of the Senate, Tomas Reyes Vicuna, a prominent fiqure of the political and public life of Chile is among them, and his health has been seriously broken because he has been confined to an inhospit place in the nothern part of the country which is situated at a heigh of several thousands of meters. In our

confined to an inhospit place in the nothern part of the country which is situated a heigh of several thousands of meters. In our Mothers-land and out, a big wave of protest has raised against this new outrage to the human rights. Pinoch chet has promulgated a decree forbidding any new, commentary or solidarity expression concerning these new victims of the repression. About this matter, I should like to remained a song which was composed and sung by a prison mate in the Ritoque concentrarion camp. Some of its verses say: "One madman thought/ he could dominate the sea/ to murder its better fruits/ and in its waters to sail/ He built up many sand walls/ and with wires stressed it/ buth this man didn't understand/ that the sea broke all these chains/ Never a man will be able/ to dominate the sea/.

These verses mean, clearly, that Pinochet never will be able to dominate the people of Chile. During the last year the people of Chile showed that it has force to win, In 1977 important progress has been achieved in the worker's struggle, in the struggle of the youth, the women, of all the antifascist forces and we advanced in the way to the consensus, the understanding, the concordance, the remonter of all the men and women of our motherland which fights to put an end to the tyrany and build up a new democratic regime. Even inside the Armed Forces emerges the desire of disembarrass itself; frim Pinochet, who threw them into the war against their own people, who isolated the country from the international community and guided it to the worst relations with the neighbouring countries during this century. All these attemp against the national security.

Here, we all are met, members of the Bopular Unity and the Christian Democracy, trade-unions leaders, militarymen - loyal to the people and to their Motherland, young people and women, intellectuals, those who faith and atheists. We are united by the wish of a reconquest of the liberty from the

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dictator - ship. About this Julio Cortazar said that the dictatorship "surpassed the last limits of the infamy and horror". Obviously, there are differences among us. But many of us are sure that in spite the differences we can understand each other not only today but also to morrow. This oblige us to make new mutual efforts in the search of the common scheme for the future of the country, departing from the fact that there is not return to the past, that from the past is necessary to discover and to introduce new elements and the most durable material to the reconstruction of Chile.

This meeting is a new expression of the powerful river of the human solidarity which is with our struggle. To each of the participants to this meeting we express our deepest feeling of gratitude. We can say to each of them that the day of our victory is not far away. Pinochet will not be abble to impose his policy of hunger and terror. Moreover, the erosion fear. The panic is taking possession of the tyrant. He still can beat. But his strokes cannot estinguish the flame of the social struggle, which will go ahead. Whatewer vicisitudes it encounters today or to morrow it shall triumph.

The people of Chile will triumph!