

Stop the Illegal Acts and Persecutions of the Democratic Activists in Chile¹

The People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Socialist Republic of Rumania, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, represented at the Meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States in Warsaw, declare their profound concern over the situation that arose in Chile after the September 1973 overthrow of the constitutionally elected Popular Unity Government and strongly condemn the outrages committed by the military junta of Chile, the persecution of democrats and infringement of law by it, which are a gross violation of the UN Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the international covenants of human rights adopted by the United Nations.

Over half a year has passed since the military fascist coup in Chile, the first victim of which was constitutionally elected President Salvador Allende, an outstanding leader of the national-liberation movement, who devoted his life to the cause of freedom of the Chilean people.

A state of emergency is being maintained in the country. Ruthless terror has been unleashed. All progressive forces of Chilean society are being suppressed. All political Parties, trade unions and public organizations have been banned.

Languishing in the Dawson, Quiriquina, Chacabuco, Pisagua and many other concentration camps are thousands of Chilean patriots whose sole crime is love of their country and loyalty to the ideals of democracy and progress.

The military junta keeps in prison, in inhuman conditions, outstanding representatives of the Chilean people: Luis Corvalán, General Secretary of the Communist Party; the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Socialist Clodomiro Almeyda; Chairman of the Radical Party Anselmo Sulé, and other members of the government and the Parties of the Popular Unity. The social gains of the working people have been eliminated in the country, and mass dismissals are practiced [sic] of those who harbor progressive views.

The crimes of the Chilean military junta have been condemned by world public opinion, including all progressive and freedom-loving forces in Latin America. The time will come when the Chilean people will scornfully throw overboard those who today seek to invoke the shadow of the medieval Inquisition and of obscurantism.

In its struggle the people of Chile can continue to rely on the consistent support of the socialist nations. The participants in the Meeting resolutely demand the immediate release of Luis Corvalán, Clodomiro Almeyda, Anselmo Sulé, and all the other Chilean democrats and patriots held in prison.

The states which take part in this Meeting urge other states which hold dear the cause of progress on our planet to come out in defense of human rights, dignity and the value of the individual in Chile. They appeal to world public opinion to mount an ever wider campaign of international solidarity with the Chilean people in their struggle against terror and for the restoration of democratic rights and freedoms in their country.

The participants in the Meeting express their deep conviction that the Chilean

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people will gain victory in the struggle to restore democracy and genuine independence to Chile.

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