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Chile/CHAN coordinators (for information only)

From: Americas Research Department

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CHILE: DEATH PENALTY ACTION FOLLOW-UP (DP/05/86)

Summary

Attached is information about Hugo Marchant Moya, Jorge Palma Donoso and Carlos Araneda Miranda whose death sentences were withdrawn on 11 December by the Military Appeals Court.

Distribution

The circular is being distributed to all Sections for their information only, to DP coordinators and to Chile/CHAN coordinators for information only.

Recommended actions

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RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR GROUPS

Letter-writing general

1. Letters can be written in AI's name, otherwise in your private or professional capacity.
2. Letters should be courteously written, preferably in Spanish, otherwise in your own language. The Chile/CHAN coordinator in your section may be able to assist you in preparing letters in Spanish, as well as providing further country background if needed.
3. Letters should not be too long; four or five paragraphs is usually sufficient.
4. Copies of all letters sent to government officials should be sent to Chilean diplomatic representatives in your country and to the addresses listed below.
5. Copies of any replies should be sent to the IS (Campaign and Membership Department).

Points for letters

Letters should welcome the withdrawal of the death sentences against Carlos Araneda, Jorge Palma and Hugo Marchant and urge that the sentences are not reimposed. They should reiterate AI's concerns about the death penalty in Chile as outlined in AMR 22/91/86 and its concern that those sentenced to death under the Anti-terrorist law have no right to appeal for clemency before the President.

Addresses for appealsName

General Augusto Pinochet Ugarte
Presidente de la República
Palacio de La Moneda
Santiago, Chile

Su Excelencia

Sr. Hugo Rosende
Ministro de Justicia
Ministerio de Justicia
Compañía 1111
Santiago, Chile

Señor Ministro

(NB. this is correct address - please update AMR 22/91/86)

Copies of appeals

Sres. Ministros
Corte Suprema
Plaza Montt Varas
Santiago, Chile

Señores Ministros

Sr. Presidente
Corte Marcial
Santiago, Chile

Señor Ministro

Brigadier Samuel Rojas
II Juzgado Militar
Zenteno 102
Santiago, Chile

Estimado Brigadier
Rojas

CODEPU
Bandera 465, Of. 501
Santiago, Chile

Estimados Señores

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On 11 December, the Military Appeals Court quashed the death sentences passed on 28 November against Jorge Palma Donoso, Carlos Araneda Miranda and Hugo Marchant Moya by a military judge.

The Military Appeals Court ruled that the military judge, before passing sentence, should have heard an appeal submitted by defence lawyers arguing that the case should be dealt with by a civilian court.

The appeal now has to be dealt with before the trial can continue. Though granted a temporary reprieve, the three men still risk being sentenced to death.

Political prisoners campaigning for the abolition of the death penalty and other issues related to their situation called off their hunger strike at midnight on 11 December. Earlier that day the Spanish Senate sent a telegram asking General Pinochet "to consider that the abolition of the death penalty reinforces the true meaning of justice". They had also called on him to save the lives of Jorge Palma, Carlos Araneda and Hugo Marchant.

