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QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE

Letter dated 22 February 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General of the United Nations

I have the honour to address you on special instructions from my Government in connection with the consideration of item 5 of the agenda of the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session.

As you know, the report on the situation of human rights in Chile which is to be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, has not yet been distributed or published.

On 19 February our Permanent Mission in Geneva learned of a draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Chile prepared by Mexico. Without going into the content of the draft, my Government wishes hereby to express a most forceful and categorical protest over this incident, which once again brings out the political and biased nature of the treatment of the situation in my country by the Commission on Human Rights.

In addition to being an act of discourtesy and lack of consideration towards the Special Rapporteur, the draft prepared by Mexico serves to diminish still further the credibility of the resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, particularly those concerning Chile.

I would be grateful if you would treat this note as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights and arrange for it to be circulated as soon as possible to all countries members of the Organization.

(Signed) Fernando CISTERNAS  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.