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STUDY OF REPORTED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE,
WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL,
INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Information submitted by the World
Confederation of Labour by letter
dated 18 February 1975 addressed to
the Chairman of the Thirty-first session
of the Commission on Human Rights

"The World Confederation of Labour, acting on the basis of its consultative status, has frequently informed your Commission about the violation of human and trade union rights in various countries and circumstances. In 1974, it wrote to the Commission on Human Rights five times on such cases.

With regard to the Chilean coup d'état and the brutal repression carried out by the military junta against workers, and more especially trade unionists, the WCL has, ever since the coup, continuously denounced the crimes of fascism, multiplied its initiatives and appeals for solidarity, and constantly expressed, in word and deed, its support for the democratic forces fighting for the restoration of human and trade union rights in Chile.

As you know, and despite its denials, the fascist junta which has usurped power continues to exercise unspeakable repression against the Chilean people. The WCL has the honour to bring to your notice the attached document prepared by the External Committee of the CUT (Central Unica de Trabajadores de Chile), which reports certain facts and shows the extent and horror of the crimes committed by the junta in power against the Chilean people.

The WCL would wish the Commission on Human Rights to bring these facts to the attention of its members and to do everything it can to ensure that these crimes are made known and condemned, that they cease immediately and that fair compensation be paid to the victims and their families." 1/

1/ The document of the Central Unica de Trabajadores de Chile, referred to above, is identical with one submitted by the World Federation of Trade Unions and may be found in document E/CN.4/1166/Add.10.