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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Letter dated 15 March 1976 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to circulate the enclosed Declaration of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria as an official document of the thirty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly under the item "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

I would also appreciate it if the said declaration would be distributed at the forthcoming sixtieth session of the Economic and Social Council in connexion with the discussion of the report of the thirty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights.

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United Nations

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ANNEX

Declaration of the National Assembly of the
People's Republic of Bulgaria

The National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria notes with grave concern and indignation that the Fascist junta in Chile is continuing to keep for years in prisons and concentration camps Senators and Deputies of the dissolved Parliament, leaders of the Popular Unity Block, thousands of workers, peasants, students and intellectuals.

After the brutal and illegal takeover of the power in Chile, the Fascist military junta suspended the Constitution, dissolved Parliament and the other representative institutions in the country, deprived the Chilean people of the most elementary human rights and fundamental freedoms. The people's sons thrown in prisons and concentration camps are subjected to cruel terror and false accusations. Heavy sentences are being plotted against them without permitting them any possibility for legal defence.

Denounced by the vast majority of the Chilean people, the junta attempts to smash, by means of unheard-of repressions, the rising resistance of the broad popular masses against the Fascist terror, their struggle to restore the suppressed rights and freedoms of the people. The junta institutionalized the bloody extermination of the Chilean patriots into a permanent policy and is now threatening again the lives of many Chilean citizens, prominent intellectuals, young people, etc. Many members of Parliament and patriots like Senators Luis Corvalán, J. Kademartori, J. Montes, E. Ponce, C. Lorca and others are subjected to cruel persecution and unprecedented outrages.

The National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria resolutely condemns the antipopular acts of the Chilean Fascist junta which usurped the power and trampled on the rights and freedoms of the Chilean people; it insists most categorically on the cessation of the arbitrary court action, and that Senator Luis Corvalán and all patriots thrown in prisons and concentration camps be immediately released.

The National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria calls upon parliaments in all countries and upon progressive international public opinion to raise their voice still more decisively in protest and to demand the immediate release of all political prisoners in Chile.

The National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria expresses once again its unreserved support and solidarity, and that of the whole Bulgarian people, with the struggle of the Chilean people, as well as its firm conviction that freedom and democracy will triumph in Chile.

Sofia,
13 March 1976
