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Letter dated 22 November 1974 from the Permanent Representative
of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, with reference to General Assembly resolution 3219 (XXIX),
to transmit to you a statement of the Socialist Party of Chile dated 5 November 1974.

I should be grateful if you could have this statement circulated as an official
document of the General Assembly under agenda item 12.

(Signed) FLORIN
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Permanent Representative of the
German Democratic Republic to the
United Nations

ANNEX

Statement dated 5 November 1974 of the Socialist Party of
Chile on the detention of Laura Allende

The Chilean military junta has made another cowardly attack on human rights. It has detained Laura Allende Gossens, member of our Central Committee and sister of the assassinated President of the Republic.

A leading member of our party and member of Parliament, Laura Allende enjoys great popularity and the love of the people living in the outskirts of Santiago - the ordinary families, and especially the workers, plunged into misery by the dictatorship, by whom she has stood with words of encouragement and solidarity even after the Fascist coup and in spite of her illness.

Comrade Laura Allende is gravely ill, which until now prevented her detention. The mercenaries who oppress Chile feel threatened by the mere presence of a woman bearing the name Allende with dignity. Urged by hatred and fear and disregarding her seriously impaired health, the Fascists have imprisoned Laura Allende in the vain attempt to silence a true voice of the people.

Her life is in danger. Her state of health would not bear the inhuman conditions existing in the Fascist prisons.

The Socialist Party of Chile therefore calls upon all democratic and progressive peoples and Governments, all political, women's, trade union and solidarity organizations, parliaments all over the world, the United Nations, all men and women of goodwill to organize a world-wide campaign for the release of Laura Allende, this outstanding patriot and militant.
