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Finland, Mali, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway,
Poland, Senegal, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia: draft resolution, *Bjelov. 28/2, R. Congo*

Protection of human rights in Chile

The General Assembly,

Convinced of its responsibility under the United Nations Charter to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Recalling that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person and the right not to be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile or to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also its resolution 3059 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973,

Taking into account the deep concern expressed by the Commission on Human Rights about reports from a wide variety of sources relating to gross and massive violations of human rights in Chile, particularly those involving a threat to human life and liberty,

Taking note of the appeal made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1873 (LVI) of 17 May 1974, to the Chilean authorities to take all necessary steps to restore and safeguard basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country, particularly in those cases involving a threat to human life and liberty,

Noting that the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in its resolution 8 (XXVII) of 21 August 1974, made an urgent appeal to the Chilean authorities to respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to comply with the International Covenants on Human Rights signed and ratified by the Government of Chile,

Noting also that the International Labour Conference, in its resolution of 24 June 1974, urged the Chilean authorities, inter alia, to cease violations of human rights and trade union rights, to guarantee the life and liberty of detained, deported or imprisoned workers, activists and trade union leaders of all political parties, to put an end to the practice of torture, to close down the concentration camps and to abolish the special tribunals, and decided to urge the speedy expedition to Chile of the Fact Finding and Conciliation Committee as well as the setting up of a Commission of Inquiry,

Considering that, notwithstanding all the appeals made by various organs of the United Nations system, gross and massive violations of human rights, such as arbitrary arrest, torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of political prisoners and detainees, including former members of the Chilean Government and Parliament, continue to be reported,

1. Expresses its deepest concern that constant flagrant violations of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile continue to be reported;
 2. Reiterates its repudiation of all forms of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
 3. Urges the Chilean authorities to respect fully the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to take all necessary steps to restore and safeguard basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, particularly those involving a threat to human life and liberty, to release all persons who have been detained without charge or imprisoned solely for political reasons and to continue to grant safe conduct to those who desire it;
 4. Endorses the recommendation made by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 8 (XXVII), "that the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-first session study the reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment";
 5. Requests the President of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to assist in any way they may deem appropriate in the re-establishment of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile in the light of paragraph 3 above;
 6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the action taken and progress achieved under paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.
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