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Letter dated 18 February 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Chile
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to address myself to you in connexion with the Joint Declaration signed recently at Berlin by delegations of the Communist Party and the Governments of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic, part III of which you have circulated at the request of the Permanent Missions of those countries, as an official document of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly under the item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" (A/9579).

My Government wishes to protest most strongly against the reference to Chile contained in the above-mentioned Joint Declaration. The signatory countries refer to recent events in Chile in fantastic and inaccurate terms. They speak of a "bloody terror" which does not exist, as all objective observers who have visited the country recently can testify. Chile is open to anyone who wishes to visit it, because, having nothing to hide, it is not suffering that "animal terror of being exposed" of which Solzhenitsyn speaks. Furthermore, it should be noted that the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic are morally unqualified to make such comments, in view of their totalitarian and repressive police régimes. No less reprehensible is the act of flagrant intervention in the internal affairs of Chile implied by their arbitrary observations. They presume to prescribe for Chilean justice standards that they would do better to proclaim within their own frontiers. Without any need for their tutelage or their advice, Chilean justice will decide at its discretion whether or not the persons detained and undergoing trial in Chile are guilty of the common crimes with which they are charged and, if so, what penalty should be imposed on them.

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I should be grateful if you would circulate this communication as an official document relating to the item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" on the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

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