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Dear Friend,

This Association was formed in January 1972 "To promote friendship between the British and Chilean peoples, and to encourage support for the socialist course on which the Chilean people have embarked, through the broad democratic alliance known as Popular Unity."

At an emergency Committee Meeting held on 16.9.73., we issued a statement to the Press and wrote to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary demanding no recognition of the rebel Junta. In a few days we are publishing an issue of our Bulletin, New Chile, containing such analysis as is possible up to date, and news from correspondents in Chile up to a few days before the coup. In about ten days' time we hope to be able to offer a regular news service about the development of the struggle in Chile through contacts which members of our Committee have established with a number of sources.

We are very anxious to co-operate with all organisations preparing to take up the struggle for the people of Chile, to prevent the government from recognising the Junta, to enforce our economic boycott, to ensure proper respect for the Ambassador and to maintain and increase solidarity with the Chilean people until Popular Unity is restored.

We understand that proposals are being made for a representative national Committee to be formed to co-ordinate the campaign. We know that similar Committees have already been formed in several European Countries. We strongly support such a development in this country. The A.B.C.F. would do everything it could to co-operate with and help a united campaign.

Yours sincerely,

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for the Committee