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Respect for human rights in Chile

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations which reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person,

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 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 the 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 which had been 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 put an end to their 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, and to end the practice of torture, close the concentration camps and to abolish the special courts,

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, are continuing to take place in Chile,

1. Expresses its deepest concern at the constant flagrant violations of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile;
2. Reiterates its repudiation of all forms of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
3. Calls on the Chilean authorities to respect fully the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to restore basic human rights and fundamental freedoms immediately, to put an end to the judicial proceedings instituted against persons detained or imprisoned because of their political convictions, including outstanding personalities in the political, trade union and cultural fields, to order their immediate release and to grant safe conduct to anyone desiring it;
4. Requests the President of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to take any appropriate measures, in the light of paragraph 3 above, which may help to re-establish basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the measures taken to this effect and on the results obtained.