



S. Piñera to the International Criminal Court

Public Statement

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What began as a series of secondary student demonstrations in October 2019, was rapidly and progressively adding the adherence of hundreds of thousands of people of all ages, genders and origins, throughout Chile. They came out to express their deep discontent at the great structural inequality and the precariousness of life, generated by the neoliberal and capitalist economic model, as well as the ineffective role of the Chilean Subsidiary State, imposed by force since 1973, with the Pinochet dictatorship and maintained by subsequent governments.

Most of these demonstrations were peaceful and although in some of them there were acts of great violence, this was mainly caused by the Carabineros, who mandated and endorsed by the Government of Piñera, brutally repressed any demonstration in the streets of Chile, also violating the legitimate exercise of the Human Right to protest.

The most important international human rights organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (among others). As well as the National Institute of Human Rights of Chile and the National Defense Office for Children, have produced special investigations, on-site visits and reports on the situation of Human Rights in Chile, since October 2019.



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Their conclusions are categorical: **In Chile, serious and systematic violations of Human Rights have been committed by agents of the Chilean State, as a repressive response to social protest, since October 2019.** Citizens killed by direct action of the police, more than 3.600 protesters wounded, more than 500 people have been injured in their eyes by bullets or tear gas, shot in their faces with the intention of damaging, without respecting the protocols of action. Thousands of illegal detentions, tortures and inhuman treatment, sexual abuse and rape, perpetrated by State Agents. And, hundreds of political prisoners until today.

Now, 20 months later to the October social Uprising the situation regarding Human Rights is still critical.

The National Prosecutor Office closed 541 cases for human rights violations against girls, boys and adolescents that occurred after the social outbreak of October 18th, 2019, without investigating the facts, or looking for those responsible. These causes are for the crimes of torture, illegitimate coercion, sexual abuse, humiliation, arbitrary detentions, serious and less serious injuries, among others. **To date, only one case has obtained a conviction, against a police officer who fired tear gas against a teenager, in the City of Rancagua.**

The National Prosecutor Office has also officially reported its decision to provisionally archive, not persevere or not initiate the investigation of more than 3,050 cases of human rights violations against adult victims, corresponding to 46% of said complaints, indicating lack of evidence.



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Even worse, two days ago, we saw with horror how **the National Institute of Human Rights**, the national organization mandated to ensure human rights in Chile, **has arbitrarily changed the criteria for accounting the cases of eye trauma, who initially counted as more than 460 people, but today it reaches a figure lower than 200 people, counting only the victims who filed a complaint together with the agency.**

We categorically denounce that this is part of the campaign to reduce the evidence and figures that show the systematic and repeated violations of human rights by the police and military forces, commanded by the dictatorial government of S. Piñera. We also accuse that this is part of the laundering of his image, to reduce the risk of being investigated and prosecuted for crimes against humanity.

As a community of Chileans in the Netherlands, we declare our absolute distrust of the administration of justice in Chile, therefore we ask that the International Criminal Court accept the complaint filed against the Dictator President Sebastián Piñera, for crimes against humanity and under the principle of complementarity, prosecute such crimes and punish them.

We will not allow the history of impunity that protected Pinochet to repeat itself with the dictator Piñera. That is why we are here today, and we will continue here until justice is done for all our dead, wounded and prisoners.

We demand Truth, justice and reparation, now, until dignity becomes the Costum!

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