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Dear Mr. President,

I am appalled by the reports of military operations to police massive demonstrations in Chile, which began after an increase in public transportation fees – and other structural factors of inequality causing major social discontent and unrest. Since the establishment of the state of emergency on 19 October, reports of human rights violations have been raised such as massive detentions, including of minors, ill treatment and other actions that could constitute torture against detainees, as well as violent repression against those who are peacefully demonstrating, among others.

Mr. president, I strongly urge you to implement measures to address the legitimate demands of those currently exercising their rights of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression. I also strongly urge you to stop deploying the army to police demonstration and make the police to strictly comply with the international standards on the use of force if and when necessary.

Yours sincerely,