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## **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

### **Lord Hoffmann's role as director of Amnesty International Charity Ltd.**

A wide range of senior legal figures, including Lord Bingham and Lord Hoffmann, have been involved in Amnesty International's charitable work, which is separate from its campaigning arm. Lord Hoffman has been an unpaid director of Amnesty International Charity Ltd, a registered charity, since 1990. He has had no involvement whatsoever in the work of the International Secretariat.

All these facts have long been a matter of public record, and the fact that they are being raised now by Pinochet's supporters is clearly an attempt at diverting attention away from the main issue, which is the need for legal proceedings for extradition on charges of torture and crimes against humanity to proceed without interference by the executive on political grounds.

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