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**Chile: Amnesty International's position regarding the case of Patricio Ortíz Montenegro**

Amnesty International has been following the case of political prisoner Patricio Ortíz Montenegro since his arrest in 1991 in Chile where he was sentenced by a military tribunal to

10 years and one day's imprisonment on charges of killing a *carabinero* (uniformed police). On 30 December 1996, Patricio Ortíz Montenegro and three other political prisoners, all members of the armed group, *Frente Patriótico Manuel Rodríguez*, Manuel Rodríguez Patriotic Front, escaped from the *Unidad Especial de Alta Seguridad*, high security prison, in Santiago.

Patricio Ortíz Montenegro is at present in detention in Switzerland where he is seeking asylum as a refugee. The Chilean authorities have requested his extradition to complete his sentence.

Amnesty International takes no position on the extradition request at present but is awaiting the decision of the Swiss authorities who are considering his request to be granted asylum as a refugee. The human rights organization will continue to monitor this case.

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