

To : [NOBEL PEACE LAUREATES]  
From : Pierre Sané  
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Dear friend,

You may be aware of the pressure being exerted upon the United Kingdom and the Spanish authorities to allow Augusto Pinochet to return to Chile. Amnesty International has no doubt that, should this be allowed to happen, the former general will never face trial: the self-amnesty law of 1978 and special provisions in the Chilean constitution have guaranteed him total immunity for over twenty years and will continue to do so. This is why I am approaching you today with an urgent request for your support in a case that constitutes the most important development in human rights since 1948.

You will find attached to this note a model letter addressed to Secretary Jack Straw of the United Kingdom. As well as expressing support for the victims of human rights violations committed during the military government in Chile, the letter asks Mr Straw to permit the courts to issue an extradition warrant, and not to take any steps which could prevent the competent courts of justice to render a decision on the charges against the former General. I would encourage you as a matter of extreme urgency to sign the letter and send/fax\* it to Jack Straw. I feel your moral authority, as winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, could add considerable weight to the requests by Chilean victims and relatives that Augusto Pinochet be extradited to Spain.

Yours sincerely,

Pierre Sané  
Secretary General

**Note:** Amnesty International's campaign and media staff would like to publicize the fact that Nobel Peace Prize winners have approached the UK Home Secretary with the above request. If you have no objection to this, could you kindly fax (ideally also mail) a copy of your signed letter to Soraya Bermejo, Press Officer, on +44 171 413 5815 / 5835

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