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Pinochet Case

During the preliminary hearing at the High Court in London today, Amnesty International, together with the *Agrupación de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos en Chile*, requested access to the documentation presented to the court in the case of Augusto Pinochet. The request was denied, but Amnesty International was invited to provide informative documentation to the Crown Prosecution Service on the case.

The preliminary hearing today at the High Court, before Judges Christopher Rose and Janeth Smith, was related to the Court's instructions for the beginning of the hearings on the *Habeas Corpus* submitted by Augusto Pinochet's lawyers, appealing against the ruling of Magistrate Ronald Bartle last October. The hearing has been scheduled for 20 March. Amnesty International will continue to follow the legal developments before the High Court.

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