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1. [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 1973, THE LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) HELD THE FIRST MAJOR MEETING OF ITS PARTY LEADERS SINCE THE 11 SEPTEMBER MILITARY COUP. IT WAS HELD TO ANALYZE THE CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS IN THE COUNTRY, AND TO DECIDE WHAT ACTIONS THE PARTY NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE.

2. THE MEETING, PRESIDED OVER BY PATRICIO A Y L W I N, PDC PRESIDENT, WAS ATTENDED BY THE FIVE-MAN PDC NATIONAL SECRETARIAT (THE GOVERNING BOARD), ALL REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PDC NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSION AND VARIOUS INVITED PDC LEADERS, INCLUDING FORMER PARTY PRESIDENTS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: LEFT-WING PDC LEADERS RADIMIRO T O M I C AND RENAN F U E N T E A L B A, ATTENDED AS FORMER PARTY PRESIDENTS, AS DID BERNARDO L E I G H T O N, A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE

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POLITICAL COMMISSION. FORMER PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I DID NOT ATTEND.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT FREI INDICATED HE WOULD NOT ATTEND IF TOMIC AND LEIGHTON ATTENDED, BECAUSE HE WANTED TO AVOID BECOMING A DISTURBING FACTOR AT THE MEETING. FREI FREQUENTLY CLASHED WITH TOMIC AND LEIGHTON AT PREVIOUS PDC MEETINGS.)

3. DURING THE MEETING, THE PDC LEADERS CONCLUDED THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS NOT BEHAVING DEMOCRATICALLY WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT THE PARTY HAD AN OBLIGATION TO ASSURE THAT THESE RIGHTS WERE RESPECTED. THIS, THE LEADERS CONCLUDED, WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WHILE THE PARTY MAINTAINED ITS POSITION OF PUBLIC SILENCE AND QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THE PDC SAW SPECIFIC ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS:

A. THE CONTINUING EXECUTIONS OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF EXTREMISTS AND MARXISTS BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES;

B. ON-THE-SPOT EXECUTIONS OF THOSE OFFERING ARMED OPPOSITION TO MILITARY GOVERN;

C. THE EXECUTION OF PRISONERS ALLEGED TO HAVE ATTEMPTED

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D. THE GOVERNMENT'S DECREE THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO FAILS TO PRESENT HIMSELF TO THE AUTHORITIES WHEN PUBLICALLY ANNOUNCED AS WANTED WILL AS A RESULT BE SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON. THIS LAW, PUBLISHED RECENTLY, ALSO ADDS CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGAINST ANY MEMBER OF THE FUGITIVE'S FAMILY WHO ASSISTS HIM IN EVADING THE AUTHORITIES.

COMMENT: THE DECREE REFERRED TO ABOVE IS THE DECREE LAW 81 OF 11 OCTOBER 1973.)



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5. THE FOLLOWING COURSES OF ACTION WERE DECIDED UPON AT THE MEETING:

A. PRESSURE IS TO BE EXERCISED ON THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT FOR GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, A RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC NORMALITY AND RESUMPTION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY;

B. MAINTENANCE OF THE PDC AS A COHESIVE POLITICAL UNIT; THE BASIC PARTY ORGANIZATION IS TO BE RETAINED AND MEASURES TAKEN TO KEEP IT VIABLE;

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