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SUBJECT POSITIONS OF PROMINENT LEADERS OF THE
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) ON
THE PDC'S RELATION TO THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT

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AT THE FIRST MAJOR MEETING OF PDC LEADERS SINCE THE 11 SEPTEMBER
COUP D'ETAT. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF POSITIONS
TAKEN BY PROMINENT PDC LEADERS DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WAS
HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER, ARE REPORTED SINCE THEY OFFER AN INSIGHT ON
THE POSITIONS OF THE DIFFERENT FACTIONS IN THE PARTY.)

2. PRIOR TO THE MEETING, PATRICIO A Y L W I N, PRESIDENT
OF THE PDC, [redacted] EXPRESSED HIS FEARS THAT HE AND THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE FIVE-MAN GOVERNING BOARD, WHO WERE GIVEN FULL
POWERS TO RUN THE PARTY FOLLOWING THE COUP D'ETAT, WOULD BE SUB-
JECTED TO STRONG CRITICISM FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT OF PARTY AFFAIRS.

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AS A RESULT, AYLWIN BEGAN THE MEETING WITH A PRESENTATION IN WHICH HE RECOUNTED THE PDC'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH THEN PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E. AYLWIN EMPHASIZED THE ROLE PLAYED BY RAUL CARDINAL S I L V A, ARCHBISHOP OF SANTIAGO, IN THESE ATTEMPTS, WHICH IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WERE INEFFECTIVE.

3. FOLLOWING AYLWIN'S PRESENTATION, RENAN F U E N T E A L B A, FORMER LEFT-WING PDC SENATOR, EXPRESSED HIS OBJECTION TO PDC MEMBERS OCCUPYING ANY POSTS IN THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. AYLWIN REPLIED THAT WHILE THE PDC HAD DECIDED THAT IT WOULD NOT PERMIT MEMBERS TO TAKE CABINET-LEVEL POSITIONS, AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE FOR GONZALO P R I E T O, MINISTER OF JUSTICE. WHEN HE ASKED FOR PARTY PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THE POST, IT WAS GIVEN WITH THE

UNDERSTANDING THAT HIS STATUS AS A PDC MEMBER, WHICH IS NOT WELL KNOWN, WOULD BE SUSPENDED WHILE HE REMAINED IN THE POST. AYLWIN POINTED OUT THAT MAX S I L V A, UNDERSECRETARY OF JUSTICE, HAD NOT REQUESTED PARTY PERMISSION BEFORE ACCEPTING THE JOB AND WAS, THEREFORE, EXPELLED FROM THE PDC. AYLWIN ALSO CITED THE CASE OF HECTOR B O R D U E Z, UNDERSECRETARY OF ECONOMY, WHO WAS EXPELLED FOR THE SAME REASON AS SILVA. AYLWIN SAID THAT SEVERAL OTHER PDC MEMBERS, WHO ACCEPTED MEDIUM-LEVEL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, DID SO AFTER RECEIVING PARTY PERMISSION ON THE BASIS THAT THEIR ACTIVE PARTY STATUS WOULD BE SUSPENDED DURING THEIR TENURE IN OFFICE. IN THIS LATTER CATEGORY, AYLWIN CITED GUILLERMO V I D E L A, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LABOR IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR.

4. BERNARDO L E I G H T O N, PROMINENT LEFT-WING PDC LEADER, WAS THE ONLY SPEAKER AT THE MEETING WHO CRITICIZED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, BUT HE WAS SOUNDLY REPUDIATED BY OTHER MEMBERS ATTENDING THE MEETING. LEIGHTON MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE FOR THE PDC TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, WHICH HE SAID WOULD PROBABLY STAY IN POWER FOR 10 YEARS. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO WRITE DOWN HIS POSITION FOR PRESENTATION AT THE NEXT PARTY MEETING.

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5. LEIGHTON WAS FOLLOWED BY LEFT-WING LEADER RADOMIRO TOMIC, WHO PROPOSED THAT THE PARTY SHOULD WORK TOWARD A TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF THE MILITARY, THE PDC AND MARXIST PARTIES OF THE FORMER POPULAR UNITY COALITION. TOMIC DID NOT, HOWEVER, SPECIFY WHICH MARXIST PARTIES HE MEANT. (SOURCE COMMENT: TOMIC AND FUENTEALBA LEFT THE MEETING WELL BEFORE IT ENDED BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS. FOLLOWING THEIR DEPARTURE, TOMIC'S PROPOSAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DERISIVE COMMENT.)

6. RICARDO HORMAZABAL, PRESIDENT OF THE PDC YOUTH ORGANIZATION, SAID THAT LEIGHTON'S VIEWS WERE CONTRADICTORY IN THAT THE PDC'S FAILURE TO ASSIST THE MILITARY TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION IN CHILE WOULD ONLY SERVE TO PROLONG, AND NOT TO SHORTEN, THE MILITARY'S STAY IN POWER. HORMAZABAL ALSO SAID THAT HE NEITHER UNDERSTOOD NOR AGREED WITH THE POSITION OF TOMIC. HORMAZABAL'S COMMENTS WERE SECONDED BY BENJAMIN PRADO, A FORMER DEPUTY, AND BY FORMER PDC SENATORS, RAFAEL MORENO AND ANDRES ZALDIVAR. [REDACTED] COMMENT: LEIGHTON APPEARED TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE STRONG SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR HORMAZABAL'S COMMENTS AND HE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN WITHDRAWING FROM HIS ORIGINAL POSITION.)

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