

URGENT ACTION

REFERENDUM CALLED AND STATE OF EMERGENCY ENDED

On 15 November President Sebastián Piñera announced an agreement among all political parties to hold a referendum in 2020 about a new Constitution, which was part of the main demand of those protesting since 18 October. The President previously decreed the end of the state of emergency, effectively taking the army from the streets on 27 October. We are closely following the dire situation in the country and will set a new campaign on this human rights crisis.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

On 18 October massive protests broke up throughout Chile demanding in depth social reforms.

The day after, 19 October the government decreed the state of emergency effectively taking the army to the streets for the first time after the end of Pinochet's Era. Right after this decision, reports of alleged human rights violations started to emerge by the hundreds from all over the country, including from the State's Human Rights Institute (*Instituto Nacional de Derechos Humanos, INDH*). The state of emergency ended on 27 October, with a toll of over 20 persons killed, at least 5 of them by security forces, and hundreds of reports of serious human rights violations taking place.

On 15 November, a major demand from the protesters was met, as the government announced an agreement with all political parties to call for referendum on whether there should be a new Constitution to address the many social demands from the population and the modalities for agreeing and adopting it. This referendum will take place on April 2020.

However, protests continue to take place today, and the national police (Carabineros) are still repressing them with unnecessary and excessive use of force. The reports of torture, sexual torture, ill-treatments, including grave injuries as the loss of eyes due to rubber bullets or tear gas cannister shot at the head of protesters remain constant.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation and will keep exposing human rights violations and demand authorities' action to guarantee human rights violations stop and are duly investigated and sanctioned by Justice.

NAME AND PRONOUN: People Protesting Inequality in Chile (they, them, theirs)

THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 137/19

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