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Alfredo Tralcal Coche, Benito Trangol Galindo, Pablo Trangol Galindo, and Ariel Trangol Galindo Should Be Fairly Tried Under Ordinary Criminal Law Procedures

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately remove the charges against **Alfredo Tralcal Coche, Benito Trangol Galindo, Pablo Trangol Galindo, and Ariel Trangol Galindo** under the Counter-Terrorism Act to guarantee they receive due process under ordinary criminal law procedures, and to refrain from using the Counter-Terrorism Act to persecute *Mapuche* land protestors.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of a coordinated campaign in Chile to persecute the *Mapuche* Indigenous community, including the lengthy unjustified pre-trial detention of *Mapuche* men **Alfredo Tralcal Coche, Benito Trangol Galindo, Pablo Trangol Galindo, and Ariel Trangol Galindo**.

We strongly believe that you and the Chilean government have a responsibility under international law to investigate these reports, including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Article 14* – the right to due process, presumption of innocence, a fair trial – and if your investigation finds these reports to be true, then we would urge you to take action to hold any responsible person or official accountable for their illegal and immoral actions.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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