

**Organization for Defending Victims of Violence
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Oral Statement on UPR: Chile**

Mr. President,

We believe that Chile's membership in several international human rights conventions and covenants, and also the investigation and follow up on the grave human rights violations during the Pinochet dictatorship, speak of Chile's determination and will for the promotion of human rights in the country.

While the organization for defending victims of violence welcomes these efforts, it also believes that the processing of some human rights shortfalls that have been mentioned in the Council's final report's conclusions and recommendations, such as the rights of the indigenous people particularly in areas such as land ownership, and also the lack of a national institution for human rights that is based on the Paris Principles, will strengthen the human rights situation in Chile. To this aim, the investigation of claims of police brutality and also domestic violence and gender based violence and efforts to take measures to quickly stop these behaviours must be placed in the agenda of the Chilean government.

Mr. President,

Most certainly if at the time of the presentation of Chile's second report in four years time, real signs of improvement are seen in the conditions of the indigenous people, victims of violence, and victims of the Pinochet crackdowns, and also the institutional promotion of human rights structures of the country such as the setting up of a national human rights institution, it can then be said that Chile's efforts and moves towards the universal promotion of human rights will have been fruitful and cause for pride.