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A considerable number of Chilean nationals are presently on a hunger strike in the city of Buenos Aires, presumably with the purpose of attracting attention to their situation after having requested that U.N.H.C.R. procure their resettlement in Canada or another country.

This situation is the cause of deep concern on the part of the Argentine Government, who has, since 1973, had to receive and locate in its territory more than 500,000 citizens from bordering nations. Notwithstanding, and in spite of the efforts carried out to maintain peace and tranquility, which would allow a normal social life for all sectors of the population, they are presently faced with increasing criminal activity on the part of terrorist groups.

That circumstance has contributed to aggravate the problems of many foreigners residing in our land, whom in addition to the ones derived from their moving into a different environment and from the difficulties of adapting to the normal trend of life of the country, are at present experiencing fear for their personal safety in spite of the efforts on the part of the Government to protect them.
The Argentine Government therefore, appeals to all nations who share its deep concern for the respect of human rights to carry out their greatest effort to facilitate the relocation of these people in their territories and thereby contribute in a solidary and effective way to achieve a solution to the grave problem that afflicts them.

Washington, D.C., July 13, 1976