

Although our country signed international treaties regarding human rights for Children 20 years ago and also specific treaties for Indigenous Rights, there has been no policy to guarantee the rights of Mapuche children and adolescents in our country.

To the contrary, the social, political and cultural vindications of the Mapuche people have generated a response from the Chilean State that violates human rights and goes directly against the integrity and dignity of the Mapuche people and their children.

There are conclusive proofs of this as denounced by the communities and organizations for indigenous rights and human rights*.

- The fatal victims of police violence against children have been children and youths as is to be seen from the assassination of the minor Alex Lemun and the youths Catrileo, Mendoza Collio and Cisternas.
- From 2001 to this day more than 100 children and adolescents have been victims of the violence of police with direct physical and psychological harm as direct product of the militarization of the Mapuche communities

Far from changing this state policy, we have found with indignation that during the present government the policy of control has increased the application of the Antiterrorist Law on minors. During 2010 four children were accused of illicit terrorist association, three of which are imprisoned and waiting for the trials against them to begin.

Considering the stark violations of Human Rights on the Mapuche children, ***the Anide Foundation and the NGO Network for Children and Adolescents in Chile*** ; request the Government:

1. Give an answer to the conflict that has generated a hunger strike in the Mapuche political prisoners.
2. Abolish the antiterrorist law and stop the causes that accuse Mapuche children

and adolescents of illicit terrorist association.

*See register of cases systemized by Observatorio Ciudadano y Fundación Instituto Indígena.

1. Stop the police practices that torture and threaten children and youths to denounce family and community members recurrently and systematically violating the due proceedings.

2. Stop the threats and intimidation practices undertaken by the police against the

community and the family of Mapuche children which affect their physical, psychological and moral integrity greatly harming their right to live, survive and develop.

We are calling upon the national and international community as also on the organizations for young people of our country not to be accomplices of the state and its policies of repression and annihilation, to join the appeal of the Observatorio Ciudadano and Codepu(www.codepu.cl) to mobilize the responsible citizen denouncement.

We call upon the means of communication, conscious of their responsibility, not to join the barrier of communications on the hunger strike of the Mapuche political prisoners and to inform the national and international community about the grave facts that affect their people, their children and their adolescence.

We call upon the civil society and the means of communication to diffuse the voice of the Mapuche children who are politically imprisoned and back their cause with due solidarity.

Stop State Violence against Mapuche Children!

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PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE: MAPUCHE CHILDREN POLITICAL PRISONERS

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“Mari mari pu peñi, pu lamgen”, OK I’m Luis Marileo Cariqueo and I belong to the Community Chief Jose

Through this letter I want my situation to be known, I'm a Mapuche political prisoner, a minor and I've been

In here it's been very hard for me to face this injustice against all my people. I believe you can tell the la

So, I am denouncing the violation of our rights as children and youths by the State of Chile and the Judiciary.

From here all my support to the “peñi” on hunger strike and in general to the Mapuche Political Prisoners

From the prison of Chol Chol

Luis Marileo

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To my Mapuche people,

I am José Antonio Nirripil Pérez, a minor imprisoned in Chol-Chol and I am stating my decision to begin

Together with my companions Cristian Cayupan and Luis Marileo (both minors) I have been formalized

Because of the injustice we have to face every day I am joining the hunger strike against the harassmen

I want the communities demilitarized, I do not want the Antiterrorist Law applied in Mapuche causes, I w

Right, these are the main petitions I am requesting through my strike.

I am calling to my people to support mobilizations, to my brothers, since what today affects me as a Mapuche

Freedom to the Mapuche

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José Ñirripil Pérez Lof Muko

Minor Mapuche Political Prisoner