

FREE ELECTIONS IN CHILE

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Statement of 9 October 1987,  
of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs  
of the Twelve Member States of the European Community

«The twelve countries of the European Community firmly believe it is essential for Chile to return to truly democratic government if peace and respect for human rights are to be restored there. Accordingly, they consider that the Chilean people should have complete freedom of information and opinion, and should be able to elect their President and members of their Parliament in a ballot guaranteeing the free expression of their will.

In restating their condemnation of violence, whatever its source, the twelve countries of the European Community hope that the government, the institutions and all the political forces in Chile will take the steps needed in order that the forthcoming elections may be conducted in accordance with the international instruments to which Chile is party, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of December 1948 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of December 1966.»

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