

[Urging Extradition of Augusto Pinochet]

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**URGING THE HOME SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EXTRADITE
GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET TO SPAIN TO FACE TRIAL FOR CRIMES AGAINST
HUMANITY**

WHEREAS, The 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be commemorated on December 10th, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Respect for Human Rights is a universal principle that supersedes all other considerations; and,

WHEREAS, General Augusto Pinochet continued as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed forces until March of 1998 and assumed a self-assigned post as Senator for Life, granted him by the Constitution of 1980 which he designed; and,

WHEREAS, There are 3,197 cases of murder, 1,200 documented cases of disappeared detainees, and hundreds of cases of torture, and thousands exiled as a result of the blatant violations of human rights committed by the Armed Forces and the secret police of Chile, under the command of General Augusto Pinochet; and,

WHEREAS, General Augusto Pinochet's secret police, DINA, planned and executed a car bombing on September 21, 1976, assassinating Orlando Letelier, former ambassador to the Allende government and Ronnie Moffit, a United States citizen in Washington DC; and,

WHEREAS, The military tribunals that exist in Chile regularly impede any civil court from presenting charges against members of the military, especially General Augusto Pinochet; and,

WHEREAS, General Augusto Pinochet's extradition is being sought by Spain to face charges of genocide and torture and,

WHEREAS, The recent decision by Great Britain's House of Lords denied General Augusto Pinochet immunity for the crimes of genocide and torture; now therefore, be it

Supervisors Ammiano, Katz

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
strongly urges British Home Secretary Jack Straw to decide in favor of extradition of General
Augusto Pinochet to Spain to face trial for crimes against humanity.

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Resolution

File Number: 982056

Date Passed:

Resolution urging the Home Secretary of the British Government to extradite General Augusto Pinochet to Spain to face trial for crimes against humanity.

December 14, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

File No. 982056

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 14, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

DEC 24 1998

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.