

Fundación Milarepa, Crisis and Violence in Chile

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The Civil Society for Climate Action (SCAC for its initials in Spanish) and its member organisations, signing below, declare the following to public opinion and to the constituted State powers:

1. Civil discontent expressed on the last few days in the country, evidently answers to a situation of extreme inequality that has led to a permanent abuse, of which the rise in the price of public transport in Santiago was only a detonating factor.
2. The expression of civil discontent has also revealed the weakness of the social fabric over which the social, economic and judicial systems are built on. This fact has been largely documented and warned by civil society and social movements, receiving insufficient responses from the political system.
3. The illegitimate appropriation of common goods such as water, air, sea and the forests are a sample of the illegitimate basis of our system, which has used all of its institutional power to defend the privilege of the few and the detriment of the dignity of all.
4. The lack of responses to the demands of the society, as an attempt to perpetuate a system that has been built over insecurity and inequality, has led to the point of generalized exhaustion, which has left space for violence to bloom.
5. The incomprehensible disconnect of our political leaders with the people's sentiments has been shown in offensive declarations against workers and students, as it has in the surprise to popular rage.
6. We make the call for demonstrations in this context, to be peaceful.
7. We demand the total respect to human rights.
8. We reject all apology to sate hate and violence, and urge the media to not provide more space to extremists that seek to polarize society.
9. We call the political system and social movements to establish the basis of a new social deal that substitutes the arbitrary basis of the system imposed by the dictatorship and over which our country has been built, with intolerable inequalities.

10. We also call the government to open themselves up to dialogue. To re-establish full State Right, withdraw forceful measures such as state of emergency and curfew and provide the needed political changes to work in a democratic system that enjoys its necessary legitimacy.

11. We are willing to work on that new deal, a new constitution, and build a Chile that is indeed of everyone.

Signed by Fundación Milarepa Chile – Professor Mario I. Aguilar