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Decided by:	President: Dr. Andrés Aguilar (Venezuela) Vice-President: Dr. Carlos A. Dunshee de Abranches (Brazil) Members: Professor Manuel Bianchi (Chile); Dr. Gabino Fraga (Mexico); Dr. Justino Jimenez de Aréchaga (Uruguay); Mr. Robert F. Woodward (United States); Dr. Genaro R. Carrio (Argentina)
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[1] 1913, of March 5, 1975, denounces the arbitrary arrest and torture of Mr. Christian Castillo Echeverría, a Chilean architect, the whereabouts of his alleged imprisonment being unknown.

[2] In a cable of March 5, 1975, the Commission requested the Government of Chile to provide the pertinent information. A copy of that cable was transmitted to the Delegation of Chile to the OAS on March 5, 1975. In a communication of that same date, the Secretariat acknowledged receipt to the claimant, informing the individual of the procedures followed in connection with the case. In a cable of March 10, 1975, the Government of Chile replied to this request for information. The pertinent parts of that reply appear below:

"1. Mr. Castillo Echeverría is in fact being held, by virtue of a regulatory decree and in accordance with the power granted to the office of the Executive under the State of Siege Law included in the Chilean Political Constitution, in force since 1925.

"2. It is totally false that he has been tortured and his arrest is in no way a form of retaliation for the release of his sister. Mr. Castillo was arrested because he was seriously involved with a terrorist organization.

"3. At present a decree is being processed authoring his exist form the country bound for England."

[3] In a note dated March 10, 1975, the Commission acknowledged receipt of the information sent by the Government of Chile. A copy of that note was transmitted to the Delegation of Chile to the OAS on March 11, 1975. In a communication dated March 10, 1975, the pertinent parts of the reply sent by the Government of Chile were transmitted to the claimant.

[4] The Commission examined case 1913 during its thirty-fifth session (May 1975), together with the information provided by the Government of Chile, and decided to file the case.

[5] The Government of Chile and the claimant were informed of this decision through notes dated

August 5, 1975, and August 19, 1975, respectively.