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(cover image) Relatives of the disappeared in Chile celebrate a milestone in attempts to prosecute former military leader Augusto Pinochet.

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Justice for all, everywhere**



The Need for CCIJ

As Canadians, we tend to take for granted our access to justice when we have been wronged.

But many in Canada and around the world are denied justice. Did you know that:

- About 25-30% of refugees and immigrants globally, including in Canada, have experienced torture, rape, mutilation or the murder or disappearance of loved ones. In most cases, no one is punished for these crimes.
- Receiving justice is a key component in the healing process of survivors.
- Justice can also help deter future genocides, crimes against humanity and war crimes.
- According to Government of Canada statistics, in 2005 there were approximately 800 alleged war criminals and human rights abusers living in Canada.

Canada has championed the creation of a system of international justice, including international courts and tribunals. Now we need to support this system by undertaking investigations and trials here in Canada and internationally.

Supporting Access to Justice

The Canadian Centre for International Justice (CCIJ) works to ensure that those living in Canada who are accused of committing war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and torture, are brought to justice. Equally, we support the survivors of these acts and seek compensation for them.

The CCIJ was launched in 2000 at a meeting of a wide cross-section of Canadian civil society. We work as an independent, charitable organization.

The CCIJ Provides:

- Advice, direction and referrals to survivors of atrocities and their families.
- A liaison between affected communities, Canadian officials and international justice mechanisms.
- Research and resources to support law reform, policy development and casework.
- Education and training for service providers, legal and health professionals, and students.

A Team of Skilled Professionals

The CCIJ's Board of Directors is comprised of a dedicated group of lawyers, academics and health professionals from across Canada. Amnesty International Canada and the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture provide considerable in-kind support, in addition to maintaining representation on the Board.

Many more Canadian leaders in international justice, and more than 100 students, are involved in the CCIJ Working Groups across the country.

**Join us
in the fight
for justice**

The CCIJ can help make this happen.