

BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ HAS COINCIDED WITH STRONG MEASURES AGAINST THE KURDISH MINORITY IN IRAQ, INCLUDING THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AGAINST CERTAIN VILLAGES, WHICH HAS TRIGGERED A MIGRATION INTO NEIGHBOURING TURKEY. BOTH SITUATIONS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY DOCUMENTED BY RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS. BOTH ARE SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS THAT THEY CALL FOR THE CONTINUED VIGILANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND FOR INITIATIVES ON THE PART OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OR THE BUREAU OF THE COMMISSION. IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, WE HAVE WITNESSED WITH DISMAY THE CONTINUING DETERIORATION OF RESPECT FOR THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. GOVERNMENT AND REBEL FORCES ALIKE HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN ABSENCE OF ANY POLITICAL WILL TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT, CAUSING HUMAN DEVASTATION ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE. THE CONTINUING DENIAL OF FOOD AND RELIEF TO CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN SOME AREAS STANDS AS AN AFFRONT TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

IN MANY SITUATIONS, THOSE SUBJECTED TO THE GREATEST RECRIMINATIONS ARE OFTEN INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WORKING IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. RECENT TRIALS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING CHARTER 77 MEMBERS, ARE REGRESSIVE MEASURES WHICH CONTRADICT THE COMMITMENTS FREELY MADE BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THE VIENNA CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. ONE OF CHILE'S STAUCHEST HUMAN RIGHTS