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President Augusto Pinochet announced yesterday his government is writing human rights protection into a revised Chilean constitution and proposed similar measures at the inter-American level.

Pinochet spoke at the opening session of the sixth Inter-American Assembly of hemisphere foreign ministers, which plans to discuss charges that his government has systematically violated human rights.

The army general emphasized that Chile would support regional human rights action if it is "objective, fair and applied generally" to all countries.

The Chilean government has stated repeatedly it was being singled out for criticism while violations of human rights in other countries were ignored.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is scheduled to attend the conference starting Monday. The U.S. delegation plans to push for effective machinery to reduce human rights violations in the hemisphere, according to a delegation source.

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