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Dear colleague,

In first place, I want to apologize by the delay in answering your letter of date 16 of last February.

I thank you deeply your offer to write to the Spanish Government and to the officer in charge of the Civil Guard.

As you will already know, some weeks ago the Spanish Government has approved two laws that have been sent to the Parliament: on the one hand, a new disciplinary law that eliminates both, the application of the Military Penal Code and the privative sanctions of freedom; on the other hand, a law of rights and duties that recognizes and regulates the professional association in the Civil Guard. I must say that the texts have been approved by general consent with our organization and are satisfactory for us, fact that put in evidence that the protest that AUGC carried out in Madrid last 20 of January has given its fruits and our objectives have been obtained.

We are very satisfied with the projects of law approved by the Government. We have even agreed to the amendments that will be approved during the parliamentary transaction, and in those questions where it could not have had agreement, we hoped that the minority parties that collaborate with the Government, help us to advance, because they are more inclined to our demands that the Socialist Party. Both laws suppose a substantial reform and have never seen in the Civil Guard in their 168 years of history.

In reference to the disciplinary sanctions against the executive of AUGC, I must tell you that it has not been spoken in my conversations with the Government, but I have the hope that the Government, taking care of the new created situation, will be benevolent and not excessively rigorous, because although the forms of our protest of the 20 of January are controversial, it is clear that, deep down, we was in the right and the protest was useful to make the Government undertake the reforms. Now it is only possible to hope that the laws culminate quickly the parliamentary proceeding and be approved without misfortunes in the Congress and the Senate, before the end of the legislature.

I believe it would be helpful that in name of ICPRA, you write to the Spanish Minister of the Interior to request that the disciplinary sanctions open against me and other 19 leaders more of AUGC are filed. It would be a way to press the Government so that it does not aggravate the situation with sanctions that nobody understands nor support.

Thanking you in advance for your attention, we are at your disposal.

With best wishes,

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