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The Norwegian Nobel Committee
The Norwegian Nobel Institute
Henrik Ibsen Gate 51
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Distinguished Members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee,

I wish to Nominate Sri Chinmoy for recognition in 2007 by your Committee. Having know of Sri Chinmoy's work for over two decades I believe I have a special perspective to share for your deliberations. During the time I was the President of the 38th UN General Assembly and President of the U.N. Security Council (Nov. 1976 & Aug. 1981) I was very happy to be able to participate in the activities Sri Chinmoy encouraged to strengthen support for the highest goals of the organization.

Many years earlier, I first met Sri Chinmoy when I served as my country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. During that time I saw him inspiring many wonderful programmes in that UN community. Over the years I also became more familiar with his other encouraging activities around the globe to support and foment peace and harmony.

I trust the committee has already received many descriptions and examples of Sri Chinmoys art, music, sports, honorary meetings and the many additional creative endeavors which he uses to encourage individuals and communities to better direct their efforts towards peaceful pursuits.

In my career, I have been a university professor, president of the national bar association and newspaper director as well as a diplomat. Therefore as an educator in the broadest sense I am in good positions to appreciate Sri Chinmoy's unique approach to increase understanding that encourages respect among people. I believe this deeper understanding of situations based on calm reflection is often times key to discovering peaceful resolutions to problems.

I was a member of our national legislative assembly and after serving as ambassador to the United Nations for many years I then became my country's Foreign Minister and President of the Republic. During this time I was personally encouraged by Sri Chinmoy's example and much appreciated our continued correspondence.

I also continued to work in the international community in various other ways, for example, as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague and as a member of the United Nations International Law Commission. Therefore based on my long-term personal experience and knowledge of Sri Chinmoy's work and the practical effect it has had, I sincerely believe that choosing him for your prestigious award would be most appropriate. His perseverance and spiritual approach is most commendable. This selection would encourage others consistently working in various countries to build sustainable communities and inclusive approaches to peace.

Please accept my deep appreciation for your efforts.

Sincerely Jorge Illueca

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