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--Chile: In a major speech on 11 September, marking the fifth anniversary of the military overthrow of the Allende government, Chilean

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President Pinochet said that a new constitution would be submitted to the voters next year, but that elections under the new constitution to create a civilian government would not be held until 1985.

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As he has done in previous anniversary addresses, Pinochet discussed the nation's social and economic situation and its international relations. He touched on a number of sensitive subjects, including the Letelier case. Pinochet asserted that US "interventionist tendencies" have not helped US-Chilean relations, but he saw some hopeful signs. The Chilean Government, he said, has cooperated on the Letelier case and attaches great importance to efforts by both governments to keep the case in the judicial sector and out of the political arena "where interested parties have sought to push both countries."

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