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PROPOSALS FOR THE FINANCING OF A UNITED NATIONS
BUILDING IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

Argentina, Ecuador, France, Mexico, United Kingdom,
United States of America and Uruguay: draft
resolution

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,
Bearing in mind that the General Assembly in its resolution 1224 (XII)
requested the Secretary-General to accept with thanks the generous offer of the
Government of Chile of a plot of land for the construction of a building to house
United Nations offices in Santiago, Chile, and authorized him to open with the
Governments of States members of the Commission such negotiations as may be
necessary with regard to the financing of the construction of that building,
Having considered the proposals of the Secretary-General and of members
of the Commission,

Considering that the provisional estimate of the cost of construction
is not more than \$850,000,

Considering that the Commission at the sixth session of its Committee
of the Whole adopted a resolution (143(AC.40)) in which it expressed the hope
that the Secretary-General would expedite the work he has undertaken in this
connexion so that the United Nations building in Santiago would soon become a
reality,

Requests the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the
General Assembly a proposal that it take a decision in this matter along the
following lines:

1. Authorizing the Secretary-General to proceed with the planning and construction of a building on the site in Santiago within the cost estimate above;

2. Appropriating for 1959 the amount of \$50,000 in the regular United Nations budget for initial expenses in planning and construction of the building;

3. Deciding, in principle, that the remaining cost of the building should be included in the regular United Nations budget in annual instalments. These instalments might be \$200,000;

4. Inviting Governments members of the Commission to make cash advances of interest-free loans to the United Nations in order to meet the cash needs for construction if the Secretary-General finds this to be necessary;

5. Authorizing the Secretary-General to meet any cash deficiencies for construction from the Working Capital Fund.
