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Part I

THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Attendance and organization of work

OPENING AND CLOSING MEETINGS

1. With a view to considering the situation created by the earthquakes which devastated the southern region of Chile from 21 to 23 May 1960, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, Mr. Raúl Prebisch, having consulted the member countries, decided to convene an extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole, which met in New York on 28, 29 and 30 June 1960. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, opening the session, explained why it was being held, pointing out that it was the second time within one generation that the southern zone of Chile had been stricken by a catastrophe of such magnitude. The immense destruction had caused not only enormous loss of life and property, but also a serious dislocation of the Chilean economy at a time when the country was making special efforts to stabilize its economy with a view to solving its basic problems of economic development. He was glad to say that the Government and the people of Chile, with the generous help of other countries, of governmental and non-governmental organizations and of many private individuals, had made a united effort to meet the situation and had dealt with the problems of emergency aid.

2. The Secretary-General stated that on being informed of the magnitude of the disaster, he had appointed Mr. Raúl Prebisch as his personal representative to consult with the Government of Chile on the best use that could be made of the limited resources available from the United Nations family of organizations. It was perhaps with respect to the reconstruction programme that the United Nations could make its most effective contribution. In conclusion, he expressed

the hope that constructive measures would emerge from the session.

3. Mr. Miguel Rafael Urquía, representative of El Salvador, was elected Chairman. After a few words of thanks to the Committee for electing him, he called for the election of the rest of the officers. At the closing meeting the Rapporteur presented the present report, and the representative of Peru spoke on behalf of the delegations present. The Chilean delegation thanked the Commission for its expression of solidarity. After a short statement the Chairman declared the session closed.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE<sup>1</sup>

4. The session was attended by delegations from the following States members of the Commission: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela. The following associate member was represented: West Indies.

5. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Commission's terms of reference, representatives of the following States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission attended the session in a consultative capacity: Canada, Italy, Japan and Poland. The Federal Republic of Germany sent an observer, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 632 (XXII).

6. The following specialized agencies sent represen-

<sup>1</sup> The complete list of representatives is given in the annex to this report.

tatives: the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization. Representatives of the Technical Assistance Board, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Special Fund also took part in the session.

7. Representatives of the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank attended the session. The Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration was also represented.

8. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations were present: International Chamber of Commerce, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, International Federation of Christian Trade Unions; CARE (Co-operative for American Remittances to Everywhere, Inc.), Catholic International Union for Social Service, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production, International Catholic Press Union, International Conference of Catholic Charities, International Social Service, League of Red Cross Societies, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations; American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.

#### CREDENTIALS

9. In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of the delegations to the third extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole were submitted to the Executive Secretary, examined and found to be in order.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

10. The Committee of the Whole elected Mr. Miguel Rafael Urquía (El Salvador) as Chairman, Mr. Enrique Rodríguez Fabregat (Uruguay) as First Vice-Chairman, Mrs. María Elvira de López (Colombia) as Second Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Jorge E. Illueca (Panama) as Rapporteur.

#### B. Agenda

11. The Committee of the Whole adopted the following agenda (E/CN.12/AC.46/1):

1. Statement by the Secretary-General.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Consideration of the situation created in Chile as a result of the disaster of 21-23 May 1960: possible means of international co-operation (E/CN.12/AC.46/2, E/CN.12/AC.46/3).
5. Adoption of the report to the Economic and Social Council.

#### C. Summary of discussions

12. The Committee of the Whole first heard the representative of Chile, who outlined the situation and thanked the Committee of the Whole for convening to consider the question. He immediately asked that the special representative of the Chilean Development Corporation should continue the account, and the latter made a detailed statement concerning the magnitude of the disaster, stressed the economic importance of the area affected and indicated the possibilities and requirements of the task of reconstruction and financing. A film concerning the devastated zone was then shown.

13. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America made a statement drawing attention to the economic and financial effects of the earthquakes, the repercussions which reconstruction would have on the Chilean economy and its possible effects on the stabilization policy which was beginning to bear fruit. The policy had made it possible to work out an over-all development plan, which Chile had decided to press on with in spite of what had happened. In that connexion he explained the importance and absolute necessity of outside aid. To conclude his economic analysis he stressed the responsibility of the international community in the face of the Chilean tragedy.

14. The members of the Committee of the Whole expressed their solidarity with the Chilean people and the Chilean Government in the face of the catastrophe, recognizing that the disaster was of such proportions that extraordinary measures would be required. At the same time they expressed their admiration for the fortitude of the stricken Chilean people and its determination not only to rise from the ruins, but to continue the resolute bid for economic progress already started. They further expressed their sincere and whole-hearted support for the reconstruction and development programmes in which Chile was engaged and the desire on the part of the United Nations to make the greatest possible contribution, within the limits of its resources. In the course of the discussion various proposals as to the way in which the assistance could be made most effective were explored. Some delegations in their statements outlined the assistance they had already given directly and through the Organization of American States.

15. The representatives of the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations indicated ways in which they might be able to co-operate and the work they had already done in that direction.

16. The delegation of Ecuador introduced a draft resolution (E/CN.12/AC.46/L.1) and later submitted a revised version (E/CN.12/AC.46/L.1/Rev.1) taking into account the observations made by other delegations. In the operative part of the revised draft resolution, the Committee of the Whole would express to the Government and people of Chile its deep shock at the recent catastrophe, invite States members of the

Economic Commission for Latin America to continue lending their co-operation both for the purpose of relief and for that of reconstruction and economic development, request the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of promoting a concerted plan of international action to increase the financial and technical resources necessary for the execution of the reconstruction programme, recommend to the Economic and Social Council and its Technical Assistance Committee that it give favourable consideration to the Chilean emergency programme involving a total amount of \$2.2 million, request the Economic and Social Council and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board to devote the greatest possible share of the resources available under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and under their ordinary programmes to the needs of the Chilean emergency programme. Finally, it would request the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the countries participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance that, in view of the exceptional demands placed on the Programme, they make additional contributions as soon as possible to the Expanded Programme for 1960. It

would make a similar appeal to the Special Fund and to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, asking them to give special consideration within their ordinary operations to any requests made by Chile.

17. According to the original draft resolution, the Committee of the Whole would have recommended to the Secretary-General that he consider the possibility of appointing a special committee composed of three persons, empowered, if the Government of Chile so desired, to collaborate in working out a plan of international action to increase the financial and technical resources necessary for the execution of the reconstruction programme. This part of the draft was deleted in the revised version.

18. Operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the revised Ecuadorian draft resolution were voted upon separately and adopted by 20 votes to none, with 3 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted unanimously. The Chilean delegation did not take part in the voting.

## Part II

### RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**180 (AC.46).** Situation created in Chile as a result of the disaster of 21 to 23 May 1960: possible means of international co-operation

*The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering* that the southern zone of Chile has recently been affected by earthquakes causing enormous damage and loss of life and a serious dislocation of the Chilean economy,

*Taking note* of the report submitted by the Chilean Government on the magnitude of the damage and plans for reconstruction (E/CN.12/AC.46/2),

*Taking note* of the report by the secretariat on the activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in Chile (E/CN.12/AC.46/3),

*Bearing in mind* that assistance to a Member of the United Nations which has suffered such a catastrophe is in harmony with the concept of international responsibility and solidarity embodied in the United Nations Charter and with the principle that disaster and prosperity are indivisible in the modern world,

*Conscious* of the concerted world reaction to the catastrophe which has resulted in the provision of aid on a multilateral and bilateral basis and from private organizations thus satisfying immediate needs to a large extent,

*Taking note* of the assistance given to Chile by the

States Members of the United Nations and by other countries, as well as the assistance arranged by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, the heads of the specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Organization of American States and other intergovernmental organizations, and by non-governmental organizations, private persons and foundations, and hoping that such assistance will increase in the future,

*Taking note also* of the decisions taken by the Organization of American States and its Inter-American Economic and Social Council, particularly those involving recommendations to the Inter-American Development Bank,

*Considering* the Chilean Government's decision to proceed immediately with the task of reconstruction without neglecting the plans for stabilization and economic development already undertaken,

*Considering also* that the Government of Chile, among other measures, has prepared a programme of technical assistance to be executed in three years by means of a comprehensive plan involving the participation of the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, the Programme of Technical Co-operation of the Organization of American States and the activities of the Operations Mission of the United States of America,

*Resolves :*

1. To express to the Government and people of Chile its deep shock at the loss of life and devastation sustained as a result of the recent catastrophe ;

2. To invite States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America to continue lending their co-operation both for the purpose of relief and for that of reconstruction and economic development ;

3. To request the Secretary-General to continue to lend his co-operation to the Government of Chile and to consider the possibilities of promoting, should the Government of Chile so desire, a concerted plan of international action designed to increase the financial and technical resources necessary for the execution of the reconstruction programme ;

4. To recommend to the Economic and Social Council and its Technical Assistance Committee that it give favourable consideration to the Chilean emergency programme involving a total amount of \$2.2 million for the period 1960-1961-1962 (E/CN.12/AC.46/2, annex), without prejudice to the general level of the programmes planned for other countries during those years ;

5. To request the Economic and Social Council to ask the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, and the bodies represented on the Board, that the greatest possible share of the resources available under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and under their ordinary programmes, as well as of the allocations which the Executive Chairman may make under his emergency powers, be devoted to the needs of the Chilean emergency programme in 1960 ;

6. To request the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the countries participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance that, in view of the exceptional demands placed on the Expanded Programme as a result, to some extent, of the special aid to Chile, they made additional contributions as soon as possible to the Expanded Programme for 1960 in order to meet those demands, including the cost of the Chilean emergency programme in 1961 and 1962 ;

7. To recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it request the United Nations and the specialized agencies to devote the largest possible share of the resources available within their ordinary technical assistance programmes to the satisfaction of requests made by the Government of Chile in connexion with the work of reconstruction ;

8. To express to the United Nations Special Fund the hope that it will consider sympathetically any project which is presented by Chile in connexion with the work of reconstruction and which is capable of being handled by the Fund ;

9. To request the Economic and Social Council to invite the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to consider with particular care the serious situation through which Chile is passing and its credit needs, bearing in mind that one of the important principles underlying the Bank's policy is that the problems of reconstruction are inseparable from the problems of economic development and also bearing in mind the need for participation of the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association within their respective spheres of competence.

**Part III**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its third extraordinary session (E/3402), convened to examine means of organizing international co-operation on behalf of Chile in view of the grave disaster which has overtaken more than a third of that country's land area and population,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the assistance given to Chile by the States Members of the United Nations and by other countries as well as the assistance arranged by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, the heads of the specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Organization of American States and other intergovernmental organizations, and by non-governmental organizations, private

persons and foundations, and hopes that such assistance will increase in the future ;

2. *Approves* the action taken by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America at its third extraordinary session and recommends that it should continue to devote special attention to the problems faced by Chile as a result of the disaster ;

3. *Recommends* that the United Nations and the competent specialized agencies should, so far as their resources permit and in particular within their ordinary programmes, pay special attention to the requirements of technical assistance in Chile for the preparation and execution of the reconstruction and economic development plans involved ;

4. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Committee to give favourable consideration to the Chilean emergency

programme involving a total amount of \$2.2 million for the period 1960-1961-1962 (E/CN.12/AC.46/2, annex), without prejudice to the general level of the programmes planned for other countries during those years ;

5. *Requests* the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, and the bodies represented on the Board, that the greatest possible share of the resources available under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and under their ordinary programmes as well as of the allocations which the Executive Chairman may make under his emergency powers, be devoted to the needs of the Chilean emergency programme in 1960 ;

6. *Recommends* to the countries participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance that, in view of the exceptional demands placed on the Expanded Programme as a result, to some extent, of the special aid to Chile, they make additional contributions as soon as possible to the Expanded Programme for 1960 in order to meet those demands, including the cost of the Chilean emergency programme in 1961 and 1962 ;

7. *Requests* the United Nations and the specialized agencies to devote the largest possible share of the resources available within their ordinary technical assistance programmes to the satisfaction of requests made by the Government of Chile in connexion with the work of reconstruction ;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Special Fund to consider sympathetically any project which is presented by Chile in connexion with the work of reconstruction and which is capable of being handled by the Fund ;

9. *Invites* the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to consider with particular care the serious situation through which Chile is passing and its credit needs, bearing in mind that one of the important principles underlying the Bank's policy is that the problems of reconstruction are inseparable from the problems of economic development and also bearing in mind the need for the participation of the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association within their respective spheres of competence.

## Annex

### LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES

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