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CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN CHILE AS A RESULT OF THE DISASTER OF 21 TO 23 MAY 1960: POSSIBLE MEANS OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Ecuador: revised draft resolution

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 and seaquakes which have caused 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 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 ECLA, the heads of the specialized agencies, UNICEF, the Organization of American States and other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, and private persons and foundations and hoping that such assistance will increase in the future,

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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 Governments members of ECLA 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 that he should continue to lend his co-operation to the Government of Chile and that he should consider the possibilities of promoting 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 1960-61-62 (E/CN.12/AC.46/2/Annex.1), without prejudice to the general level of the programmes planned for other countries during those years;
- 5. To request the Economic and Social Council that it 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 that it should recommend to the countries participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance that, in view of the exceptional demands placed on the 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. 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 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 the participation of the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association.

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