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OFFER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE OF LAND IN SANTIAGO TO  
BE USED AS OFFICE SITE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Argentina, Ecuador, France, India, Mexico, Spain, United  
Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern  
Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1224 (XII) of 20 December 1957, in accordance with which the Secretary-General accepted the generous offer by the Government of Chile of a plot of land for the construction of a building to house the United Nations offices in Chile;

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/3952) in which financial proposals for the construction of the building, based upon resolution 147 (A/C.41) of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, are presented;

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/3972);

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to proceed with the preparation of plans and with the construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile, at a cost not to exceed \$850,000;

2. Decides to appropriate in the United Nations regular budget for 1959 the sum of \$50,000 for initial preparatory and construction expenses for the building;

3. Decides, in principle, that the balance of the building cost should be included in the regular United Nations budget in annual instalments of \$200,000 for each of the ensuing four years;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to initiate negotiations with the Governments of States Members of the Economic Commission for Latin America with a view to their making reimbursable interest-free advances to the United Nations to meet cash requirements for the construction, to the extent that he finds this necessary;

5. Authorizes the Secretary-General to advance out of the Working Fund the moneys required for building costs for which no cash is available;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in 1959 and to present a progress report on this project at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.

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