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OFFER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE OF LAND IN SANTIAGO
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The General Assembly,

Having regard to the reports of the Secretary-General (A/3641 and A/C.5/712) concerning the offer by the Government of Chile to transfer to the United Nations, free of charge, a plot of land in Santiago for the construction of a building to house United Nations and specialized agency offices located in Chile,

Taking note of resolution 138 (VII) of the Economic Commission for Latin America, which was transmitted to the Secretary-General for his consideration at the General Assembly's twelfth session, and the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a building for ECLA established within that Commission pursuant to the said resolution,

Considering, in the light of the details given in the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/712), the indubitable advantages presented by the offer of the Government of Chile for improved conduct of the work of the United Nations in Latin America and the benefits to be derived from the proposal that the building should be financed by an interest-free long-term loan,

Considering that the construction of such a building will make possible the establishment of common services for the United Nations and the specialized

agencies having offices at Santiago, which has been repeatedly requested at various meetings of United Nations organs concerned with administrative matters, and

Considering the need for effective measures to ensure that this plan is executed in the most satisfactory possible manner,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to accept with thanks the generous offer of the Government of Chile;
2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to open with Governments members of the Economic Commission for Latin America such negotiations as may be necessary with regard to the financing of the United Nations building at Santiago, and to convene such meetings with representatives of those Governments as he may deem desirable;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, in accordance with the proposals he has made, detailed plans for the construction of the building together with final financial arrangements.
