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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S STATEMENT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN SANTIAGO

The following is the text of the statement of Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, made on his arrival in Santiago on Wednesday, 16 March:

I am pleased to be in Chile. It has been my intention for quite some time to visit this country, which has shown so much solidarity with the United Nations, and whose efforts in consolidating its own democratic process is a source of inspiration to all of us.

As you know, a visit planned for June 1992 was frustrated at the last minute, and destiny would have it that I arrive a few days after the torch has been passed from one Administration to another. I would like to salute outgoing President Patricio Aylwin and incoming President Eduardo Frei, and thank them for their unstinting support to us, and for introducing, into the United Nations agenda, the World Summit for Social Development.

Finally, I am also pleased at the opportunity to visit one of our largest United Nations headquarters outside of New York: the one that houses the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, which has been located in Santiago since 1949.

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