



Twelfth session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
ITEM PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERALOFFER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE OF LAND IN SANTIAGO TO
BE USED AS OFFICE SITE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONSExplanatory memorandum by the Secretary-General

1. By a letter dated 26 February 1957, the Permanent Representative of Chile notified the Secretary-General that the Chilean Government had, on 5 February 1957, promulgated a law authorizing the President of Chile to transfer land for the purpose of constructing a building to serve as office space for the United Nations and certain other organizations. One of the conditions of the transfer of property is that work on construction of the building must be started within one year from the date of the promulgation of the law.
2. The Economic Commission for Latin America, at its seventh session held in La Paz in May 1957, in anticipation of the formal offer of land, appointed an ad hoc committee composed of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela, for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the offer of the Chilean Government and formulating plans for the financing and construction of the building. The committee's proposals were subsequently communicated to the Secretary-General.
3. Thus, the Secretary-General has proposed the inclusion in the agenda of the twelfth session of the General Assembly^{1/} of the item "Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations". The Secretary-General is discussing with the Government of Chile the details of the offer, and he will submit a further report on the question for consideration by the General Assembly during the twelfth session.

^{1/} See A/3610, item 50.