

of discussing this situation. Our Embassy has been co-operating with resident representatives of the United Nations in Santiago in this regard throughout this difficult period and will continue to do so.

Because of my deep concern over this difficult situation I have instructed Mr. Pierre Charpentier, the Head of the Department's Latin American Division and formerly Canadian Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia, to proceed immediately to Santiago to consult with our Ambassador and with the Chilean authorities as to what further practical measures can be taken in this regard. I have also called in the Chilean Chargé d'Affaires in Ottawa today to emphasize to him the great humanitarian concern felt by all Canadians about the recent events in Chile and to re-iterate Canada's willingness and desire to co-operate in the movement of refugees and the abatement of personal suffering in that country.