Chile's international trade (imports + exports) increased substantially over the last decade, from a figure close to 9.8 billion used in 1980, to 16.2 billion used in 1990. See Chart Nr.2.

A) EXPORTS

It is estimated that Chile's exports will reach about 8,3 billion of used in 1990. This is a substantial increase when compared with the 1,2 billion used of 1973. Chile's exports have been growing at an annual average rate of 8,9 % during the last ten years.

Up to 1973, the industrial contribution to exports was almost negligible, being close to 7%. As from 1974, the composition of exports has been changing dramatically, so that today industrial exports account for almost 35%, generating close to 3 billion used of exports in 1990 (expected amount).

The increase in the export share of industrial products is even more relevant when considering that exports of other products also increased substantially, as can be seen in chart Nr. 3.

Following is a breakdown of exports per mayor segments: