

ANNEX I

CANADIAN POSITION ON 1990

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 1990/62 simply noted the transfer of the Special Rapporteur's report on human rights in Chile. Canada was satisfied with the report.

Resolution 1990/78 notes that several recommendations for the improvement of human rights in Chile remain pending and asks that Chile report thereon at the 47th Session. Paragraphs 4, 5 and 9 of the resolution are relevant. Our position is as follows:

4 (a) Canada is following the work of the Chilean Commission of Truth and Reconciliation with great interest. We remain optimistic that it will produce substantive results towards resolving the identity of those responsible for abuses in the 1973-March 11, 1990 period.

4 (b) Canada looks with favour on the recent judicial reforms encouraging the transfer of some legal cases from the military to the civilian courts. We will continue to offer our support to speed this process so as to allow outstanding human rights cases and cases involving alleged political prisoners to be resolved as soon as possible.

4 (c) There is currently no immunity under Chilean law for anyone guilty of human rights abuses. This remains uncertain for those responsible for abuses committed during the 1973- March 11, 1990 period. It is our hope that justice will be rendered.

4 (d) The archives of the National Information Agency (CNI in Spanish) are still held by the military. We would hope and expect that the military authorities will facilitate promptly, their transfer to the civilian authorities.