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**Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance****Regional cooperation****Economic and environmental questions****Social and human rights questions****Letter dated 28 May 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the outcome of the XVII Inter-American Conference on equity in health, road to development, held under the joint sponsorship of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Government of Chile in Santiago, Chile, from 23 to 26 April 2003. The attached resolution contains the Santiago de Chile Commitment and the Guidelines for the Plan of Action of the XVII Inter-American Conference (see annex).

As the representative of the host country, and on behalf of the organizers of the Conference, I should be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda items 5, 10, 13 and 14.

(Signed) Juan Gabriel **Valdés**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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**Annex to the letter dated 28 May 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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