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CHILE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

On Saturday, February 27th, Chile suffered a severe and devastating earthquake, measuring 8.8 on the Richter scale and the biggest to hit the country in 50 years. The epicenter was located near Concepción, one of the most important and densely populated cities in Chile and was felt throughout almost the entire country. The 500 mile area affected represents 80% of the population. Furthermore, several coastal cities were significantly hit by the subsequent tsunami that stemmed from the intense seismic activity.

The earthquake caused widespread damage, destroying buildings, bridges and roads, as well as affecting the provision of water, electricity and telecommunication services. The number of fatalities resulting from the earthquake has risen to over 800 people and it has been estimated that over 2 million Chileans have been affected by the aftermath. It has been assessed that more than 1.5 million homes were damaged, of which 500,000 were completely destroyed. Information on the current situation in Chile is being updated continuously on the Embassy's webpage: www.chile-usa.org.

Donations can be made to the following account, which has been opened at the Bank of America for this purpose:

Account name: Chile Earthquake Relief Fund

(Please make checks payable to Chile Earthquake Relief Fund)

Checking account number: 226000255231

ABA or Routing number: 026-009-593

SWIFT: BOFAUS3N

Alternatively, contributions in the form of checks can be mailed to the following address: Embassy of Chile, 1732 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20036.

Tax exempt donations can be made through the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) in the following ways:

- 1) *Online:* Please visit www.panamericanrelief.org
- 2) *Toll-free:* Call (877) 572 4484 to make your contribution.

3) *Bank:* A special account has been created at Citibank in Washington DC:

Account Number: 15488659

ABA Routing Number: 254070116

4) *Mail:* Checks can be mailed to the Pan American Development Foundation, 1889 F St NW, Second Floor, Washington DC 20006. Please note Chile Relief.

These funds will be administered directly by the Chilean National Office of Emergencies and Information (ONEMI), who is coordinating relief efforts throughout the country.



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