



State House
Lusaka, Republic of Zambia

5th March, 1990.

Dear Mr President,

I wish to convey to you my profound congratulations upon your inauguration as President of the Republic of Chile. I would have wished to be with you personally during the celebrations marking this momentous occasion in the history of your country but unfortunately pressing national commitments have precluded this possibility.

I have, however, entrusted Zambia's Minister of Mines, Hon. Bernard N. Fumbelo, MCC, MP., who is also attending the Presidential Inauguration in his capacity as Chairman of the Inter-governmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries (CIPEC) to represent me, the Government and the people of the Republic of Zambia and convey our best wishes to you and the people of the Republic of Chile on your assumption of the presidency.

Your Excellency, you may recall that Chile, under the leadership of former President Frei of the Christian Democratic Party which you now lead was, with Zambia, a co-founder of CIPEC. This organisation is facing serious financial problems because some member countries are not paying their contributions, while others have been withdrawing from it. We need to work hard together to revitalise the organisation.

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His Excellency Mr. Patricio Aylwin,
President of the Republic Chile,
SANTIAGO.



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I still strongly believe that only CIPEC can protect the interests of copper producers, who are principally developing countries. It is, therefore, my earnest hope that with your coming into office our two countries will once again find it possible to work closely together in order to strengthen this vital body.

This comes with love, respect and my very best wishes for your continued good health and prosperity for the people of Chile.

With God's blessings.

Yours sincerely,

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Kenneth D. Kaunda
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA