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Joint Communiqué from the EuroLat Executive Bureau

The Co-Presidents of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, Luis Fernando Duque García, for the Latin American component, and José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, for the European component, representing the 150 members of the Assembly (75 European and 75 Latin American):

- Express their deep sadness, as the various parliamentary bodies of both components have already done, at the devastating consequences of the violent earthquake and subsequent tidal wave that struck the Republic of Chile on Saturday 27 February.
- Extend their sincere condolences to the families of the victims and express their solidarity with the thousands of Chileans who have been affected by the destruction of their property and possessions.
- Reaffirm their unconditional support for the Government and people of Chile at this distressing time and declare their wish to continue supporting the various forms of financial and humanitarian aid, such as sending food, water, clothes, health services, medicines, infrastructure and other items from both Europe and Latin America.
- Reiterate the Assembly's proposal to set up a Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters, linked, preferably, to the means and resources of the future Europe and Latin America Foundation. Consider that to this end the establishment of a Joint Latin America-EU Fund for the prevention of natural disasters and humanitarian aid should also be encouraged.
- Point out that it would be useful to set up working groups, within the framework of the EuroLat Assembly, to implement disaster prevention and monitoring mechanisms.

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