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**Inauguration of the
“Fernando Fajnzylber”
Conference Room and
presentation of
CEPAL Review No. 50**

*Ceremony effected at ECLAC Headquarters
on 2 September 1993, with the
participation of Gert Rosenthal,
Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and
Alejandro Foxley, Minister of Finance of Chile*

**Address by Gert Rosenthal,
Executive Secretary of ECLAC**

Today, we are celebrating three important events at the same time.

The first of these is that issue No. 50 of CEPAL Review has just come out, thus marking 19 years of uninterrupted publication. We are justly proud of the high level attained by this Review, which first appeared under the direction of Raúl Prebisch and later continued under the leadership of Aníbal Pinto, ably seconded first of all by Adolfo Gurrieri and now by Eugenio Lahera. I should like to express my thanks to all of them and to say how pleased I am that the Review is now considered one of the most serious technical publications in the field of Latin American and Caribbean development.

The second event is that we have expanded the physical infrastructure of ECLAC precisely at a time when the demand for conference halls and meeting rooms is growing day by day. The new facilities harmonize with the rest of the building and are also extremely functional and comfortable. We thus have at our disposal as from today this modern conference hall and its attached meeting room.

Thirdly, in naming this hall the “Fernando Fajnzylber Conference Room” we are taking advantage of a fresh opportunity to pay tribute to one of our dearest friends and colleagues. We are honoured today by the presence of Ms Alicia Barrios, Fernando’s widow, and her children, to whom we wish to express our appreciation once again. By placing Fernando’s name on the plate at the entrance

to this hall, we are placing on permanent record the respect and appreciation we feel in ECLAC for a person whose legacy to the institution will long endure.

In fact, however, the various important events we are celebrating today are accompanied by a fourth noteworthy event: the participation of Alejandro Foxley, Minister of Finance of Chile, who will inaugurate this hall for the purposes for which it was designed with an important address on the present and future of the Chilean economy. Alejandro is no stranger to this institution, of course. He already did us the honour of being with us, as the main speaker, at the United Nations Day ceremony in 1991, and also during our twenty-fourth session in April 1992. He has been one of the most outstanding members of the Chilean Cabinet, as well as among the Ministers of Finance of Latin America as a whole. We are delighted to have him here with us as an outstanding professional and public servant, as a colleague, and as a friend, and we wish to thank him most sincerely for having agreed to accompany us once again today.

**Address by Alejandro Foxley,
Minister of Finance of Chile**

I should like to thank Gert Rosenthal for giving me the privilege of taking part in a ceremony which has a significance for all of us, and especially for me, which goes far beyond the importance of the physical facilities we are inaugurating, although of course they are imbued with the characteristic spirit of the person to whom we are paying tribute today, that is to say, with a high level of quality, albeit accompanied by great modesty, and a sense of the future.

I have been wanting for some time to have the chance to say a few words about our dear friend Fernando Fajnzylber. I am very happy to see Alicia and her family here today, and I should like them to know that I am proud to be here at this ceremony, because just as Gert said that many references have been made in ECLAC to the contribution that Fernando made to that institution, I too would like to say now that what we have managed to achieve in these four years of government by the Concertation –the union of parties for democracy– has been very

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