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GIFTS FOR UN HEADQUARTERS DONATED BY GREECE AND ISRAEL

Gifts by the governments of Greece and Israel for decorating and landscaping the United Nations Permanent Headquarters were announced today by the UN Headquarters Planning Office.

The Greek Government has contributed a bronze statue of Zeus, the king of the gods of Greek mythology.

The Government of Israel has donated 4,000 square feet of stone slabs quarried from the hills of Judea. Used widely in Israel for building purposes, the stone will be placed in the landscaping area of the site to serve either as a platform for a piece of sculpture or as a paved walk.

The Greek statue of Zeus -- a nude male figure with the body of an athlete and the head of an old man -- will arrive at UN Headquarters today. It is a replica of a classical piece of sculpture dating back to 460 B.C. now in an Athens museum. Its permanent location in the Headquarters -- as a part of the landscaped area or in the General Assembly building or Conference Area -- will be determined later by the Headquarters Planning Office.

The Israeli stone is now on its way to New York from Baltimore, Maryland. Packed in 12 wooden crates and weighing some 30 tons, it was shipped from Haifa on 20 October on the Israeli ship, Akko. Before reaching New York, the ship was forced into Baltimore for repairs. The stone was unloaded in Baltimore and is now awaiting shipment by truck to New York. Formal presentation of the stone by the Israeli Government will be made some time next week.

In addition to these gifts, the Headquarters Planning Office announced that the Rose Growers Association of America has offered a large quantity (enough to plant an area 15 feet wide by 500 feet long) of rose bushes for landscaped areas of the site; and the Nurserymen's Association of America has also approached the Planning Office with an offer of plants and shrubs for the same purpose.

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