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LETTER DATED 24 MARCH 1966 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO GOVERNMENTS^{1/}
CONTAINING A FURTHER APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE
FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS

I have the honour to draw the attention of your Government to the fact that by operative paragraph 3 of its resolution 220 (1966) of 16 March 1966, of which a copy is attached,^{2/} the Security Council has extended for an additional period of three months, ending 26 June 1966, the presence of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus. It will be recalled that operative paragraph 6 of the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964 provides that all costs pertaining to the Force are to be met, in a manner to be agreed upon by them, by the Governments providing the contingents and by the Government of Cyprus, with the provision that voluntary contributions for that purpose may be accepted by the Secretary-General.

In this connexion, I may call attention to the statement made in my report of 10 March 1966 to the Security Council (S/7191, para. 149) to the effect that the financial situation affecting the United Nations Operation in Cyprus continues to be acute, and the deficit gap between the estimated costs and the voluntary contributions pledged remains serious.

The financial position in respect of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus may be summarized as follows:

(1) For the two years from the inception of the Force on 27 March 1964 to 26 March 1966 the estimated costs to the Organization total \$44,825,000; the amount paid or pledged to cover these costs now totals \$42,138,140, and there is therefore at present a deficit of \$2,686,860.

^{1/} To all Member States and non-Member States maintaining Permanent Observer's offices at Headquarters.

^{2/} This resolution has been circulated as S/RES/220 (1966).

(2) For the additional three-month period from 27 March 1966 to 26 June 1966 during which, in accordance with the Security Council's decision of 16 March 1966, the Force is to remain stationed in Cyprus, the estimated costs to the Organization, including the costs of repatriating the troops, total \$5,700,000 and the amount pledged to date to cover these costs totals only \$1,000,000.

(3) Accordingly, new pledges totalling \$7,386,860 must now be received if the Organization is to be in position to honour in full its past commitments and to cover the costs involved in maintaining the Force during the next three-month period.

It is for the foregoing reasons that I once again appeal urgently to Governments to respond promptly and generously with voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus.

(Signed) U THANT
