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ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS

1. The Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds in its report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session^{1/} had indicated that it would issue as an addendum to the report a review of the results of the meetings of the ad hoc Committee of the whole Assembly to be held during the fourteenth session for the announcement of contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and to the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In the light of these results, the Committee would make its recommendations on the continuation of the procedure of a special pledging conference for the two refugee programmes as well as on the extension of the mandate of the Committee itself.
2. On account of the late date at which the Pledging conference was held, it was not possible for the Negotiating Committee to issue the addendum to the report in time for the General Assembly to consider it at its fourteenth session. Instead, the Chairman of the Negotiating Committee presented to the Fifth Committee a supplementary oral report on the Committee's recommendations for future action,^{2/} and these recommendations were endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 1440 (XIV).
3. In order to complete the record, the Negotiating Committee has decided to issue the annexed statement of the financial contributions announced by Governments at the meetings of the ad hoc Committee of the whole Assembly held on 10 December 1959. The statement lists the contributions pledged to UNRWA and

^{1/} A/4267, para. 25.

^{2/} See the summary record of the 757th meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 3 December 1959.

to the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as well as the special contributions announced for the World Refugee Year. A summary of the results is given in the following paragraphs.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees

4. According to the budget estimates submitted by the Director of UNRWA to the General Assembly, \$38.7 million would be required for the 1960 programmes of the Agency. Of this, nearly \$34 million would be needed for the normal programmes of relief and general education, while the balance would be used for expansion of the self-support programme, mainly through increased vocational training and improvements in the general educational system - such as the provision of more university scholarships - and through a programme of individual grants and loans to help to finance small-scale agriculture and commercial enterprises. At the Pledging Conference contributions totalling \$29.9 million were announced by thirty Governments to UNRWA. Of that amount, approximately \$18.3 million were for the 1960 programmes while the balance was for the last half of 1959. If it is assumed that Governments which have not yet pledged for the year 1960 or for the second half of 1960 will, in due course, do so at their usual rates, it is reasonable to foresee possible total receipts for 1960 of approximately \$33 to \$34 million; in other words, financing for the normal programmes of relief and education would practically be assured, but no funds would be available for an expansion of the self-support programmes. The Director of UNRWA has indicated his intention of using contributions received through the World Refugee Year for this latter programme and has expressed the hope that they will be generous.

Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

5. The financial target approved for the budgetary requirements of the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for 1960 by the Executive Committee for the High Commissioner's Programme is \$12 million, including \$4.7 million in regular allocations and \$7.3 million in special World Refugee Year allocations. The programmes are the Far Eastern programme, the programme for camp clearance, the fund for special hardship cases, the programme

for non-settled refugees living outside camps, particularly those in the handicapped category, the programme for new refugees in Greece, the emergency account for individual cases and the programme for legal assistance. At the pledging conference, contributions totalling \$5 million were pledged by twenty-nine Governments to the High Commissioner's programmes. Of that sum, \$3,368,979 was for 1960, including \$529,251 special World Refugee Year contributions, towards the regular programmes. In addition, contributions totalling \$472,667 were announced for the programme for refugees from Algeria and \$27,315 to UNHCR for Chinese refugees in Hong Kong.

World Refugee Year

6. At the pledging conference for the two refugee programmes, Governments were invited to announce not only the financial contributions which they would make to one or both of the United Nations refugee programmes, but also to describe more generally the various ways whereby their countries - the Governments, voluntary organizations and/or private persons - were participating in the World Refugee Year in response to the General Assembly's resolution on the Year. At the Conference, a total of nearly \$7 million was pledged by Governments as additional contributions on the occasion of World Refugee Year. Targets for fund-raising announced by various national committees and/or non-governmental organizations totalled several times this figure. The formation of national committees, composed often of representatives of non-governmental organizations and private persons for the purpose, inter alia, of raising funds from the general public and to which Governments have often contributed, is a typical method of participation in the World Refugee Year.^{3/} In most cases, the final decision as to how the various funds raised will be allocated has not yet been made, but it is fair to assume that a significant portion will eventually be used for the benefit of the refugees under one or the other of the two United Nations programmes.

^{3/} For complete information on the participation in the World Refugee Year announced at the pledging conference see the verbatim records of the meetings (A/AC.99/PV.1 and 2).

7. The Committee would also wish to refer to the statement made by the Secretary-General at the pledging conference in which he pointed out that "... if the various undertakings in progress or being considered are actually fulfilled, many refugees will find their problems solved and others will have been very greatly helped. Secondly, there are no grounds for complacency: if the World Refugee Year is really to be remembered as a helpful endeavour, it must be seen as a first, and not a last, effort pointing to a more effective and humane approach to refugee problems everywhere".

ANNEX

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETINGS OF THE
AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 1959

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
2. Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
3. World Refugee Year^{a/}

^{a/} The statement covers only the announcements made at the Pledging Conference. A complete report on the results of the World Refugee Year will be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Contributions announced at the Pledging Conference

(US\$ equivalents)

| <u>Countries</u> | <u>Regular contributions^{a/}</u> | |
|---|---|---------------------|
| | <u>For 1959</u> | <u>For 1960</u> |
| Australia ^{b/} | 95,200 | 95,200 |
| Austria | | 2,000 |
| Belgium | | 15,000 |
| Cambodia | | 571 |
| Canada | | 500,000 |
| Denmark ^{b/} | 21,720 | 21,720 |
| Federal Republic of Germany | | 238,095 |
| Federation of Malaya | | 1,500 |
| France | | 122,449 |
| Ghana | | 3,000 |
| Greece | | 15,000 |
| India | 21,000 | - |
| Iran | | 5,941 |
| Ireland | | 7,000 |
| Italy | | 80,000 |
| Japan | | 10,000 |
| Liberia | | 5,000 |
| Morocco | | 4,000 |
| Netherlands | | 65,790 |
| Pakistan | | 21,000 |
| Sweden | | 58,000 |
| Switzerland | | 34,562 |
| Turkey | | 5,000 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | 5,400,000 |
| United States of America ^{c/} | 11,500,000 | 11,500,000 |
| Yugoslavia | | 40,000 |
| Total | <u>\$11,637,920</u> | <u>\$18,250,828</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$29,888,748 | |

^{a/} For special World Refugee Year contributions to UNRWA, see table 3.

^{b/} Contribution pledged for 1959/1960.

^{c/} The contribution of \$23,000,000 pledged by the United States of America to UNRWA for 1959/1960 is subject to the condition that it must not exceed 70 per cent of the total governmental contributions to the UNRWA programmes for that period.

2. Programmes of the High Commissioner for Refugees
Contributions announced at the Pledging Conference
(US\$ equivalents)

| <u>Countries</u> | <u>Regular contributions^{a/}</u> | |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| | <u>For 1959</u> | <u>For 1960</u> |
| Australia | 112,000 | - |
| Austria | | 6,000 |
| Belgium | | 200,000 |
| Cambodia | | 571 |
| Canada | | 290,000 |
| China | | 1,000 |
| Denmark | | 72,390 |
| Federal Republic of Germany | | 209,524 |
| Federation of Malaya | | 1,000 |
| France | | 259,184 |
| Ghana | | 3,000 |
| Greece | | 9,000 |
| Ireland | | 4,693 |
| Israel | | 10,000 |
| Italy | | 3,000 |
| Netherlands | | 139,211 |
| Sweden | | 116,000 |
| Switzerland | | 132,489 |
| Turkey | | 2,666 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | 280,000 |
| United States of America | | 1,100,000 ^{b/} |
| Total | <u>\$112,000</u> | <u>\$2,839,728</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$2,951,728 |

a/ For special World Refugee Year contributions to the UNHCR Programmes, see table 3.

b/ The contribution of \$1,100,000 pledged by the United States of America is subject to the condition that it must not exceed 33 1/3 per cent of the total governmental contributions to the regular programmes.

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3. World Refugee Year
Pledges and contributions announced at the Pledging Conference
(US\$ equivalents)

| Countries | UNHCR | | Pledges and contributions to national committees and other WRY purposes | Total of WRY pledges and contributions announced |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| | Regular programme | Algerian refugees | Chinese refugees in Hongkong | |
| Australia | 112,000 | | | 112,000 |
| Austria | | | | 76,923 |
| Burma | 1,050 | | 1,050 | 2,100 |
| Canada | | | | 810,000 |
| Denmark | 347,474 | | | 361,952 |
| Federation of Malaya | | | | |
| Federal Republic of Germany | 1,000 | | 1,500 | 2,500 |
| Ghana | | 3,000 | | 125,000 |
| Greece | 2,500 | | 2,500 | 3,000 |
| Holy See | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| Mexico | 20,000 | | | 4,000 |
| Morocco | | 2,000 | | 20,000 |
| Netherlands | | | | 82,000 |
| Pakistan | 123,947 | | 26,315 | 150,262 |
| Sweden | 1,050 | | | 2,100 |
| Switzerland | 29,000 | | | 29,000 |
| Thailand | 172,811 | | | 407,226 |
| Tunisia | 1,250 ^{a/} | | 1,250 ^{a/} | 2,500 |
| Union of South Africa | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 23,000 | | | 23,000 |
| United States of America | 770,000 | 300,000 | | 560,000 |
| Yugoslavia | | | | 4,000,000 |
| | <u>\$1,607,082</u> | <u>\$472,667</u> | <u>\$9,350</u> | <u>166,667</u> |
| | | <u>\$27,315</u> | <u>\$4,826,816</u> | <u>\$6,943,230</u> |

a/ The approximate value of twenty tons of rice subsequently increased to fifty tons (\$6,250).

4. Summary of pledges and contributions announced at
the Pledging Conference

(US\$ equivalents)

| | <u>UNRWA</u> | <u>UNHCR</u> | <u>WORLD REFUGEE YEAR</u> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Regular contributions | 29,888,748 | 2,951,728 | |
| WRY contributions to: | | | |
| UNRWA | 9,350 | | 9,350 |
| UNHCR regular programmes | | 1,607,082 | 1,607,082 |
| Algerian refugees | | 472,667 | 472,667 |
| Chinese refugees in Hongkong | | 27,315 | 27,315 |
| National committees and other WRY purposes | | | 4,826,816 |
| | <u>\$29,898,098</u> | <u>\$5,058,792</u> | <u>\$6,943,230</u> |

Note: In addition to announcing the financial contributions that have been listed, a number of Governments described the various other measures they are taking to assist refugees on the occasion of the World Refugee Year, such as the campaigns of public information carried out in their countries, and the fund-raising targets established by National Committees, etc. The measures described included also the admission of refugees not eligible under normal immigration criteria, for instance those suffering from tuberculosis, the handicapped and the aged:

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|--------------------|--|
| <u>France</u> | Has undertaken the responsibility for 110 refugees coming from Greek camps and 250 old people or hardship cases coming principally from China. |
| <u>New Zealand</u> | Will receive fifty refugee families including handicapped or elderly members and possibly a further group. |
| <u>Sweden</u> | Will receive approximately 400 "hard-core" refugees. |

For the complete record of Governments' participation in the World Refugee Year, targets set by National Committees, etc., as announced at the Pledging Conferences, see the verbatim records of the meetings (A/AC.99/PV.1 and 2).