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- I. PLANS FOR THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
- II. ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINE REFUGEES

Statement by the Chairman of the Negotiating Committee on  
Contributions to Programmes of Relief and Rehabilitation

Note by the Secretary-General: The following letter and statement have been placed before the President of the General Assembly and, at his request, are communicated herewith to the Members of the General Assembly for their information.

Letter addressed to the Secretary-General by  
the Chairman of the Negotiating Committee

Lake Success, 14 December 1950

On behalf of the Negotiating Committee on Contributions to Programmes of Relief and Rehabilitation, I wish to transmit herewith a statement on the present status of the Committee's work and its plans for the future. The Committee has requested that this statement be brought to the attention of the President of the General Assembly, with the suggestion that it be made known to the Assembly by the President at his early convenience.

(Signed) DIGVIJAYSINHJI OF NAWANAGAR  
Chairman, Negotiating Committee on  
Contributions to Programmes of  
Relief and Rehabilitation

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Statement by the Chairman of the Negotiating Committee

The work of the Negotiating Committee on Contributions to Programmes of Relief and Rehabilitation to date has yielded encouraging results in the raising of funds toward the \$250,000,000 target for Korean Relief and Reconstruction. Over 80 per cent of the total figure has already been offered, although to some extent the pledges are conditional upon the future responses of other Member States. There has been a wide participation by Member States, both large and small.

With respect to the raising of \$55,000,000 for Palestine Relief and Public Works, no such affirmative statement can be made. The response to date has been a keen disappointment to the Committee.

The Committee notes that many delegations are still without instructions from their Governments. We are urging that each delegation so situated take every possible step to present to its Government the urgent needs of both Korea and the Palestine refugees and the political significance of an adequately financed United Nations effort in both cases.

The Committee will endeavour in the next few weeks to close the gap left by the failure of many Governments to meet their responsibilities. It is a matter of real importance to the United Nations that all States should contribute to both of these programmes, since universality of participation is essential, not only in order to achieve the target figures but also as a gesture of United Nations solidarity. If this universality of participation is not to be realized, then even the present offers may be endangered.

As to the future plans of the Committee, it is our intention to complete exploratory work by 15 January 1951, and to request the Secretary-General to arrange a meeting as soon as possible thereafter, to consist of Member and non-Member States, at which Members may commit themselves to their national contributions and the contributions of non-Members may be made known.

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