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Humanitarian activities to assist the Hungarian people

Note by the Secretary-General

As already reported (A/3403) the Secretary-General, as requested by the General Assembly, issued an appeal on 15 November to Governments for contributions in support of relief to Hungary.

The following replies which have been received to date are circulated herewith for the information of the General Assembly. As others are received they will be circulated as addenda to the present document.

It should be noted that some of these replies refer exclusively to relief being provided to the Hungarian people, others to aid being given to refugees,^{1/} while still others contain information about action being taken on both aspects of the problem.

^{1/} In an interim report by the Secretary-General on refugees from Hungary (A/3371 and Add.1, Corr.1) the General Assembly was informed of the information concerning aid to refugees which had been received by 19 November.

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..BANIA

16 November 1956
Original: French

With reference to your telegram No. SO-530 of 15 November 1956, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the People's Republic of Albania has, for the purpose of aiding the Hungarian people, decided to place at the disposal of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic 1,000 tons of tractor gasoline and a fund of 200,000 roubles. The Albanian Government has already informed the Hungarian Government of the above.

(Signed) Reis MALILE

Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of Albania to
the United Nations

2. ARGENTINA

8 November 1956
Original: Spanish

I have the honour to write to you with reference to resolution A/RES/393 adopted by the General Assembly on 4 November 1956...

The Argentine Government wishes to inform the Secretary-General that, knowing that there are 30,000 Hungarian children in Austria, it believes that joint action must be taken to provide for these children who have been expatriated when their only crime is that they are the sons and daughters of the Hungarian revolutionaries who are fighting for freedom. As a practical contribution to solving the problem of these helpless children, the Argentine Government therefore offers to receive 3,000 of them in Argentina, a country which is open, under its Constitution, not only to Argentiniandians but to all men of good will throughout the world.

I should be glad if you would inform me how you consider that this offer could be carried out within the plans for which you are responsible.

Anibal O. OLIVIERI
Ambassador

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3. AUSTRALIA

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13 November 1956
Original: English

In my statement of 9 November to the second emergency special session of the General Assembly, I mentioned the Australian Government's announcement of its willingness to accept up to 3,000 Hungarian refugees as immigrants to Australia and to make an immediate financial contribution to the relief of distress in Hungary.

In relation to my reference to a financial contribution, I am now instructed to inform you that the Australian Government announced on 9 November that 30,000 pounds (Australian) would be given to relieve the suffering caused by recent events in Hungary. This sum will be allocated to the fund opened by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.

Final details of the distribution of this contribution will be decided when reliable information is available regarding the possibility of having international relief teams and supplies admitted to Hungary.

(Signed) E. Ronald WALKER
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Australia

22 November 1956
Original: English

Please refer to your communication of 15 November 1956, addressed to the Australian Government asking for advice as to the assistance which the Australian Government is proposing to offer for relief of the present suffering of the people of Hungary.

In my letter of 13 November I drew your attention to the announcement of the Australian Government of its willingness to accept up to 3,000 Hungarian refugees and to make a financial contribution of 30,000 pounds Australian to the cause of Hungarian relief.

I am now able to inform you that the first part of the refugees will shortly arrive in Australia. The financial contribution of 30,000 pounds will be allocated as follows:

20,000 pounds to the High Commissioner for Refugees;

10,000 pounds to the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.

In addition, I am happy to inform you that substantial amounts of money are being contributed privately by the Australian people to a fund established by the Australian Red Cross for Hungarian relief. According to our latest reports this sum exceeds 13,000 pounds.

I trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

(Signed) E. Ronald WALKER
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Australia

4. AUSTRIA

16 November 1956
Original: English

I have the honour to refer to your telegram SO 530 of 15 November 1956, regarding the implementation of the two resolutions A/RES/393 and 399, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 and 9 November 1956 at its second emergency special session.

As you are aware, the Austrian people, upon the first reports reaching Austria about the suffering of the Hungarian population, has immediately and spontaneously sent assistance to Hungary in the form of food, medical supplies and clothes in ver large quantities. The blood and plasma reserves of Viennese hospitals have thus virtually been exhausted to the last drop. Any estimate on the amount and value of all this assistance can hardly be anything but guesswork; for it was poured into Hungary on the largest scale by many different means of transportation and in this way escaped statistical tabulation. All this was naturally apart from the official assistance rendered to the Hungarian people as well as to the 25,000 Hungarian refugees counted in Austria.

The Austrian Government has opened a special account for donations and has pledged as its first contribution an amount of 20 million Austrian schillings for the assistance to Hungarian refugees in Austria who will be treated in conformity with the Red Cross Conventions. The Austrian people will continue to heal the wounds and sufferings of the Hungarian people by sending food, medical supplies and clothes.

(Signed) F. MATSCH
Ambassador

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BRAZIL

November 1956
Original: English

Referring to your telegram SO 530 of 15 November, I have the honour to inform you that the Brazilian Government, having in view resolutions A/RES/393 and 399, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 and 9 November at its second emergency special session, has decided to assist the Hungarian refugees through the United Nations Executive Committee for Refugees with a grant of US\$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars) in cash, and is in condition to receive up to 3,000 Hungarians of the group now in Austria. A Brazilian Board charged with the selection of refugees for purposes of immigration to Brazil is already in Vienna, and in Brazil all measures are being taken in order to have the aforementioned refugees duly received and placed.

Regarding the grant of \$30,000.00, the Brazilian Government thinks it should be employed at the discretion of the High Commissioner for Refugees, who could allocate some funds from the same grant to the ICEM, that is co-operating with the Brazilian Government in the necessary steps for the transportation of refugees to Brazil.

As soon as I receive definite instructions on this matter, I will contact you again.

(Signed) C. de FREITAS-VALLE
Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the United Nations

6. BULGARIA

19 November 1956
Original: English

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization and with reference to his telegram SO 530 of 15 November 1956 concerning relief to the Hungarian people begs to state the following:

On 10 November 1956 the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria decided to render aid to the Hungarian people and to grant immediately the following supplies to Hungary, free of charge:

Sugar - 1,000 tons; rice - 700 tons; beans - 1,000 tons; bisquits - 100 tons; cement - 5,000 tons - beams - 2,000 cubic metres; boards - 2,000 cubic metres; firewood - 30,000 cubic metres; black coal - 26,000 tons and crude oil - 3,000 tons.

A "Relief Fund for the Fraternal Hungarian People" subsidized by nation-wide donations has been set up at the Central Council of the Bulgarian Red Cross to provide further medical supplies, foodstuffs and manufactured goods for the Hungarian working people.

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CAMBODIA

24 November 1956
Original: French

In reply to your message No. SO 530 of 15 November 1956, and by order of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I have the honour to inform you that Cambodia offers an amount of three million French francs (Fr. 3,000,000) as relief for the Hungarian people, in accordance with resolutions 393 and 399 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 4 and 9 November 1956 at its second emergency special session.

(Signed) Nong KIMNY
Permanent Representative of
Cambodia to the United Nations

CEYLON

24 November 1956
Original: English

I have the honour to refer to resolutions A/RES/393 and 399 adopted by the General Assembly on 4 and 9 November 1956 at its second emergency special session on the question of relief to the people of Hungary and to state that the Government of Ceylon is willing to offer five thousand pounds of tea for the relief of distress in Hungary.

I shall be glad if you will indicate to me early what steps are necessary, to give effect to the above decision.

(Signed) R.S.S. GUNewardene
Permanent Representative of Ceylon
to the United Nations

9. CHINA

23 November 1956
Original: English

With reference to your telegram dated 15 November 1956, I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that the Chinese Government is ready to contribute 200,000 pounds of rice, 100,000 pounds of sugar and 10,000 pounds of black tea for the relief of Hungarian refugees who have escaped from Hungary. The Chinese Government undertakes also to pay for the transport expenses of the above-mentioned relief goods. The total contribution is roughly equivalent to 50,000 US dollars.

Since the details concerning the destination and delivery of the relief goods remain to be worked out between your office and mine, it will be much appreciated if you would designate a person to consult with Mr. LIU Yu-wan, Director of this Office.

I would like to add that popular bodies in my country are collecting contributions towards the relief of Hungarian refugees. Their contributions would be in addition to that of my Government.

(Signed) Tingfu F. TSIANG
Permanent Representative of China
to the United Nations

10. COLOMBIA^{1/}

Original: Spanish

IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM NO. SO 530 OF 15 NOVEMBER I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAS JUST ADVISED US COLOMBIAN RED CROSS HAS SENT CASH DONATION TO LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES GENEVA STOP IF ANY OTHER COLOMBIAN ORGANIZATIONS DECIDE TO SEND ASSISTANCE WE WILL DULY ADVISE YOU STOP FRANCISCO URRUTIA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

^{1/} Telegram from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations dated 20 November 1956.

DENMARK^{1/}

26 November 1956
Original: English

The Danish Government have granted \$50,000 in aid of refugees from Hungary.

Of this amount \$30,000 have been paid to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for use at the reception service in Austria, while \$20,000 have been paid to the Office of the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration, earmarked Hungarian refugees.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees have telegraphically been requested by the Danish Government to supply information as to what aid in kind is mostly needed from Denmark. As, according to information received by Danish voluntary agencies, the need for asylum in Denmark is not sufficiently clear, the High Commissioner was at the same time asked for further particulars in this respect and called upon to forward soonest possible specification of categories and numbers of Hungarian refugees, for whom asylum in Denmark may be considered desirable.

The Danish Government have informed the High Commissioner that it is willing to receive a total of 200 refugee mothers and children.

The Danish Red Cross collection, Aid for Hungary, has on 14 November 1956, resulted in a fund amounting to 3.2 million Danish kroner.

This fund is being used for financing

1. An ambulant hospital with a capacity of 200 beds and a personnel of 148 persons, including twelve doctors and fifty nurses.

The hospital, the value of which is 0.5 million Danish kroner exclusive thirty-two vehicles, carries medical supply worth 0.5 million Danish kroner.

The Danish Red Cross hospital left Denmark by rail on 1 November 1956, at 16.45 and arrived in Vienna on 3 November at 14.00, half an hour late.

Refused passage to Hungary, the hospital was put at the disposal of the International Red Cross and stationed at Graz to assist the refugee reception service. A few days ago the hospital was moved back to Vienna in order to stand by pending entry permit for Hungary;

^{1/} Received under cover of a note verbale dated 26 November 1956, from the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations.

2. Additional supplies, of which the following have been dispatched: 148 tons of food stuffs, 16 tons of medical supply, 35 tons of hospital equipment and stores.

Other benevolent institutions. It is known that supplies have been dispatched by various Danish voluntary agencies. Complete records are not available, but it is known that twenty tons of clothing have been collected and dispatched by Denmark's International Committee of Students.

12. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

14 November 1956
Original: Spanish

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Dominican Republic has instructed the Permanent Mission to advise you, in connexion with the situation of the Hungarian refugees, that the Dominican Republic is prepared to co-operate in the plan of assistance recommended by the General Assembly, and will consequently be willing to admit twenty thousand Hungarians, who will be given all the protection and the facilities necessary to rebuild their lives and to work in a climate of peace.

This action by the Government of the Dominican Republic follows logically from its permanent policy of opening its doors to all who have suffered the persecutions of communism; a similar policy was applied in the past to those persecuted by nazism.

The Permanent Mission will be glad to discuss all the details necessary to give effect to this offer by the Government of the Dominican Republic with the appropriate Department of the United Nations Secretariat, the interested agencies and the competent officials, and is confident that on receipt of the relevant information by my Government the matter will be given immediate consideration with a view to a decision at the earliest possible date.

(Signed) Dr. Enrique DE MARCHENA
Ambassador
Chief of the Permanent Mission.

13. FINLAND

19 November 1956
Original: English

With reference to Your Excellency's telegram SO 530 of 15 November 1956 concerning the resolutions A/RES/393 and 399 adopted by the General Assembly on 4 and 9 November 1956 I have the honour to inform you as follows:

All relief supplies from Finland to the people of Hungary will be given through the International Red Cross. The aid collection which is being organized in Finland by the Finnish Red Cross is estimated to amount to about 80 million finmarks. In addition to this the contribution of the Finnish Government amounts to 50 million finmarks. Thus, the total contribution from Finland is estimated at about 130 million marks. So far 45 million marks have been collected, of which amount 20 million marks' worth of medical supplies, food and clothing have already been delivered in accordance with the instructions of the Red Cross Co-ordinating Committee in Vienna. All further aid will be given through the same channel.

(Signed) C.A. CRIPENBERG
Permanent Representative of
Finland to the United Nations

14. GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF)

16 November 1956
Original: English

The Permanent Observer of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, referring to his telegram of 15 November 1956 (SO.530), has the honour to invite the Secretary-General's attention to the contents of the following telegram from his Government which has just been received:

"As an emergency measure the Federal Government has appropriated DM 1,000,000 for Hungarian relief. On 1 November a relief unit of the German Red Cross (hospital unit) was sent to Budapest and was active during the fights in aiding the wounded. This unit also took medical supplies to Budapest. Meanwhile, the unit has been ousted and is on its way back. A second relief unit of the German Red Cross, originally likewise intended for Hungary, is presently stationed in Austria and has joined the refugee relief activities there. Moreover, the German Red Cross supports the measures of the International Committee of the Red Cross by furnishing personnel, motor vehicles, medicine and deliveries in kind. The collection of the German Red Cross has yielded an amount of DM 5,000,000. Donations in kind cannot yet be estimated. The result of the campaign in Berlin alone amounts to DM 700,000 and sixty tons of clothing.

"On 7 November, the Federal Cabinet resolved to take in 3,000 refugees. On 11 November, a Commission set up under that resolution was sent to Vienna. After the establishment of camps, collective transports will begin arriving in the Federal Republic on 16 November. The Federal Railways have made available special trains for this purpose."

15. GREECE

17 November 1956
Original: French

The permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to message No. SO 530 of 15 November 1956, has the honour to inform him that, in pursuance of recent General Assembly resolutions, the Greek Government has already offered to the Hungarian people, through the Greek Red Cross, aid in convertible currencies and aid in kind amounting to \$3,000.

16. GUATEMALA

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19 November 1956
Original: Spanish

I have the honour to inform you, on instructions received from my Government, that in response to the appeal made to Member States in the resolutions adopted by the second emergency special session of the General Assembly, Guatemala is prepared to contribute one hundred quintals of coffee for the assistance of the Hungarian people.

I shall communicate with you or your representative in due time regarding arrangements for the despatch or distribution of this donation.

(Signed) Emilio ARENALES
Permanent Representative

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19 November 1956
Original: Spanish

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that, in compliance with the appeal addressed to States Members of the United Nations in the resolutions adopted by the second emergency special session of the General Assembly, Guatemala is willing to accept up to one hundred Hungarian refugees, contributing thereby to the alleviation of the sufferings of the heroic people of Hungary.

I shall duly communicate with you or your representative in order to discuss the matter of satisfactory arrangements for the transportation of the Hungarian refugees and their settlement in Guatemala.

(Signed) Emilio ARENALES
Permanent Representative

17. ICELAND

21 November 1956
Original: English

The Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations presents his compliments to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations and refers to his telegram of 15 November 1956, file No. 80/530, regarding relief to the people of Hungary.

The Permanent Representative of Iceland is pleased to inform the Secretary-General that a general collection has taken place in Iceland for the relief in Hungary and the total sum collected amounts to Icelandic kronur 620,000. It is expected that this amount will be used mainly for purchase of medicinal cod liver oil, subject to confirmation of the International Red Cross.

18. JAPAN

21 November 1956
Original: English

With reference to your cable dated 15 November 1956 concerning the request for assistance to the Hungarian people, I have the honour to inform you, under instructions from my Government, that it considers it appropriate to offer such assistance through public subscription to the Japanese Red Cross, who can then forward it to Hungary through the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva.

The Japanese Red Cross is already receiving heavy contributions from the Japanese people as a result of its appeal for assistance on behalf of the Hungarian people, and I shall undertake to communicate to Your Excellency further details of such subscription, including the amount thereof, immediately upon receipt of such information from my Government.

(Signed) Toshikazu KASE
Ambassador

19 KOREA (REPUBLIC OF)

26 November 1956
Original: English

With reference to your communication SO 530 of 15 November 1956 regarding relief and assistance to the Hungarian people, I wish to advise you that the Korean National Red Cross has already contributed \$3,000 in United States currency, and that our President, Dr. Syngman Rhee has contributed an additional \$1,000.

These sums were presented to the American Red Cross with our specific request that they be used to help alleviate the sufferings of the patriotic people of Hungary.

I also wish to inform you that, as a result of the warm response of our people to the first appeals, an additional sum of 20,634,350.00 Hwan has been already contributed by our armed forces, business circles and civic groups. Collections of funds for Hungarian relief are continuing throughout Korea and it is expected that an additional 2,550,000 will be raised by the middle of December. These additional sums are, as you will note, in Korean currency.

Due to the stringent limitations of our foreign exchange, we are unable to convert these sums into either United States or sterling currency. Nevertheless, we are prepared to send goods in kind through the American Red Cross channels just as we have already sent the U.S. dollar funds through that medium for the relief of the Hungarian people. The goods we are preparing to send them will be in the form of flannel and cotton textile goods.

(Signed) Ben C. LIMB
Permanent Observer of the
Republic of Korea to the
United Nations.

20. LUXEMBOURG

20 November 1956
Original: French

With reference to your telegram No. SO 530 of 15 November 1956, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Luxembourg has decided to offer one million francs as relief for the Hungarian people

(Signed) Joseph BECH
President of the Government
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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21. NETHERLANDS

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21 November 1956
Original: English

The Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Mr. Hammarskjöld's telegram of 15 November 1956, SO 530, concerning the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/RES/393 and 399, adopted at the second emergency special session.

The Permanent Representative is authorized by the Netherlands Government to inform the Secretary-General of the following action taken in the Netherlands:

- (1) The Netherlands has already received 1,300 Hungarian refugees and has declared its readiness to accept 700 more. The expenses involved will be borne by the "National Committee for Relief to Hungary" and, in so far as necessary, by the Netherlands Government.
- (2) For the current year the Netherlands Government will make an extra contribution to UNREF of 100,000 guilders.
- (3) Netherlands Red Cross units are active in Austria and Hungary. On 5 November 1956, the following supplies were shipped to Hungary: Blood plasma, medical supplies, infant foodstuffs, condensed milk, canned meat, cheese, cocoa and a number of trucks; in addition five ambulance cars and a truck with 2,500 blankets and 3,000 sheets and pillowcases have been sent to Hungary. The dispatch of more Red Cross units is under preparation.
- (4) The Netherlands population is making generous donations to the Netherlands Red Cross and the National Committee for relief to Hungary.

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November 1956
Original: English

The Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his note of 21 November 1956, No. 4720, has the honour to transmit to Mr. Hammarskjöld the following additional information about Netherlands relief efforts in behalf of the refugees from Hungary.

1. The National Committee for relief to Hungary has so far received contributions to the amount of Fl. 1,595,000.00
2. The Netherlands Red Cross has collected:
Fl. 1,927,784.00 in financial contributions, and
Fl. 1,212,699.00 in material aid.

The relief action of the National Committee is primarily directed at Hungarian refugees in the Netherlands. Netherlands Red Cross activities are mainly carried out in Austria and Hungary.

Seal of the Permanent Mission

22. NORWAY

19 November 1956
Original: English

I have the honour to inform you that my Government has proposed to contribute an amount of 500,000 Norwegian kroner to Hungarian refugees, subject to the approval of the Norwegian Parliament. It is the intention of the Government to place at the disposal of the Secretary-General 300,000 Norwegian kroner of this amount to be used by the High Commissioner for Refugees in concert with Norwegian authorities.

(Signed) Hans ENGLEN
Permanent Representative of
Norway to the United Nations

23. PHILIPPINES

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9 November 1956
Original: English

I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with a message received from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Manila, President Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines has approved a donation of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars, to the Hungarians as a token of sympathy for their heroic struggle for freedom and liberty.

It would be appreciated if this message could be brought to the attention of the Members of the United Nations.

(Signed) Felixberto M. SERRANO
Permanent Representative

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28 November 1956
Original: English

With reference to my letter of 9 November 1956, I have the honour to inform you that the donation of the Philippine Government, in the amount of \$2,500, which was the subject of your letter of acknowledgement of 20 November 1956, will be remitted through the League of the Red Cross Societies in Geneva as specifically mentioned in the radiogram of my Government.

(Signed) Felixberto M. SERRANO
Permanent Representative

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24. POLAND

16 November 1956
Original: English

The Permanent Mission of the Polish People's Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and in connexion with the telegram No. SO 530 of 15 November and referring to the resolution A/RES/399 of 9 November, has the honour upon the instructions of its Government to communicate the following:

From the very beginning of the events in Hungary Poland has given substantial aid to the Hungarian population and the Polish people have shown great generosity in this matter.

Up till now 1,210 litres of blood and plasma, 30,700 kilos of medicaments and dressings, 87,600 kilos of other supplies such as window panes have been sent to Hungary. The public collection for the Aid-fund totals 18 million zlotys. The Polish Government as well as the population of Poland will continue and develop this aid for the fraternal Hungarian people.

Concerning the implementation of the General Assembly's resolution of 9 November the resolution which the Polish Delegation fully supported, the Polish Government is ready to accord to the Secretary-General all its assistance in fulfilling the tasks which the said resolution puts upon it.

25. ROMANIA

19 November 1956
Original: French

In reply to your telegraphic communication No. SO 530 of 15 November 1956 in which you requested the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations to state what aid they are able to offer the Hungarian People's Republic, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Romanian People's Republic has decided to grant the Hungarian People's Republic aid amounting to 13 million lei. In addition, Romanian organizations in the frontier areas are sending foodstuffs, vegetables, window-panes, Diesel oil and other products at the request of Hungarian border organizations.

(Signed) A. JOJA
Permanent Representative of the
Romanian People's Republic to
the United Nations

26. SWEDEN

22 November 1956
Original: English

With reference to your telegram of 15 November 1956 concerning relief to the people of Hungary in accordance with resolutions A/RES/393 and 399, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 and 9 November at its second emergency special session, I have the honour to state the following.

2. The Swedish Government has decided to receive in Sweden a total of 3,000 Hungarian refugees from camps in Austria, among them approximately 100 children with their mothers and 30 b.c. cases. Out of these refugees so far approximately 450 have arrived in Sweden, among them the group of children with their mothers. It is hoped that it will be possible to receive a total of 2,000 refugees during this month. The remaining number will be transferred to Sweden as soon as practically possible. Transports are being arranged continually. The transportation costs and the cost of resettlement is estimated at 9 million Swedish kroner for the 3,000 refugees. These costs will be borne by the Swedish Government, except the transportation costs for the children and their mothers which costs will be defrayed by the Swedish Save the Children Association.

3. The Swedish Government further has turned over to the Swedish Red Cross Society medical supplies, including instruments and medicine, valued at 495,000 kroner, and has put military aircraft at the disposal of the Society for the transport. In addition, an amount of 500,000 kroner has been appropriated for humanitarian aid to Hungary. How this amount is to be used is now under consideration.

4. According to preliminary information non-governmental humanitarian organizations in Sweden have, up to 19 November, as a result of various drives, shipped assistance in kind to the value of 4.1 million kroner to Austria and Hungary. These shipments include 213 tons of medical supplies, foodstuffs and clothes, valued at 2 million kroner, sent by the Swedish Red Cross Society (the Swedish Government contribution of medical supplies referred to above forms part of this shipment) and 125 tons of children's clothes, foodstuffs and medicine sent by the Swedish Save the Children Association. Other humanitarian organizations have mainly supplied clothes.

5. The Swedish Save the Children Association has undertaken to defray the expenses for three months of five children's homes with a total of 325 beds in Austria; similarly the Swedish Intra-European Missionary Society has undertaken to run two refugee camps in Austria with a total of 1,330 refugees and to feed some 150 refugees. This Society further intends to arrange for the settlement of 200 refugees in the Federal Republic of Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

6. In addition, a fund raising drive by the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation has, up to 19 November, netted 5,229,255 kroner. It is estimated that the final result will be in the neighbourhood of 8 million kroner. The funds will be equally divided between the Swedish Red Cross Society and the Swedish Save the Children Association for aid to Hungary. Other drives all over the country are also in progress.

(Signed) Gunnar JARRING
Permanent Representative

27. TUNISIA

19 November 1956
Original: French

I have the honour to inform you that the Tunisian Government, desirous of making a contribution to the assistance furnished through the United Nations to the Hungarian people, has decided to offer:

A health mission consisting of:

- (a) One medical practitioner
- (b) Five nurses.

In addition it offers 1 million francs.

(Signed) Habib BOURGUIBA

28. TURKEY

19 November 1956
Original: English

With reference to your telegram of 15 November 1956, No. SO/530, concerning the resolutions of the General Assembly inviting the Member States to participate in the relief work for the Hungarian people, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that various types of medical supplies and blankets have been sent to Hungary by the Turkish Red Crescent Society. The Turkish Government concurred also in the decision of the European Council which will appropriate 73 million francs from its 1955 budget for aid to the Hungarian people. Furthermore, the Government of Turkey has decided to receive 500 Hungarian refugees into Turkey and informed the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees of its decision.

I will not fail to communicate again with Your Excellency upon receipt of further information from the competent Turkish authorities as to the kind and quantity of help already given by the Turkish Red Crescent Society as well as other pertinent data on this matter.

(Signed) Selim SARPER
Ambassador
Principal Permanent Representative

29. UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

14 November 1956
Original: English

I have the honour to refer to your circular note P.O. 210 of 12 November transmitting the text of resolutions adopted by the second emergency special session of the General Assembly on 9 November 1956 concerning "The situation in Hungary". Two of these resolutions urge Member-States to make special contributions for relief in Hungary including emergency assistance to refugees.

In this regard I have the honour to state that the Government of the Union of South Africa have approved the grant of £25,000 (\$70,000) for Hungarian relief. Of this amount £15,000 (\$42,000) is being allocated to the Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration, £10,000 of which is allocated without any conditions and £5,000 is allocated for the purpose of assisting the migration to South Africa of Hungarian refugees.

The remaining £10,000 (\$28,000) of the Government's grant is a contribution to a public relief fund controlled by the Governor-General and a committee of the Administrators of South Africa's four provinces. This fund will be for Hungarian relief and to bring orphans from Hungary to South Africa.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this communication as you may consider appropriate.

(Signed) D.B. SOLE
Permanent Representative

30. UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS

26 November 1956
Original: Russian

The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in reply to his telegram dated 15 November 1956 requesting information on the assistance given to the Hungarian People's Republic by the Soviet Union, has the honour to inform him of the following.

The Government of the USSR, prompted by feelings of fraternity towards the friendly Hungarian people, has furnished many different forms of assistance to the Hungarian People's Republic and considers it its duty to continue furnishing such assistance in the future.

In connexion with recent events in Hungary, the Government of the Soviet Union, as has already been reported in the press, decided to give the Hungarian people extensive assistance free of charge and to send food, medicines, industrial goods and raw materials to Hungary as a matter of urgency. Specifically, the Soviet Government, as a matter of first priority, is supplying Hungarian workers with 50,000 tons of grain and flour, 3,000 tons of meat, 2,000 tons of butter, 3 million tins of milk, 5,000 tons of sugar, 100,000 tons of coal, 10,000 tons of cement, 10,000 cubic metres of lumber, 5,000 cubic metres of round building timber, 300,000 square metres of window glass, 1,000 tons of light sheet iron, 3,000 tons of rolled ferrous metal, a large quantity of drugs, and other products.

In addition, a considerable quantity of building materials and equipment is being supplied free of charge to the Budapest Municipal Council under a decision of the Moscow Council of Workers' Deputies.

The bulk of these goods has already been delivered to the Hungarian Revolutionary Workers' and Peasants' Government. In addition to this urgent assistance, the USSR Government is helping and will continue to help the Hungarian People's Republic in many different fields. In particular the Soviet Government, at the request of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic, granted to Hungary a credit of 100 million roubles, in the last quarter of 1956, consisting of 60 million roubles' worth of goods particularly needed by the Hungarian national

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economy (coke, lead, cotton, synthetic rubber, etc.) to be supplied by the USSR, and 40 million roubles in convertible currency. In the last quarter of 1956 the USSR Government is also supplying the Hungarian People's Republic with 100,000 tons of oil and 70,000 tons of coke over and above the amounts specified for this year under existing trade agreements, and is also assisting the Hungarian People's Republic in various other ways.

31. UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

27 November 1956
Original: English

The Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and, with reference to the Secretary-General's telegram No. SO/530 of 15 November and General Assembly resolutions A/RES/398 and 399 of 9 November and 409 of 21 November has the honour to submit to him for the information of the General Assembly the following interim report on aid offered by the United Kingdom both for relief in Hungary and for aid to refugees outside Hungary.

So far as relief is concerned, Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have made two grants of £25,000 each to the British Red Cross for supplies to Hungary and have borne transport costs in connexion with these supplies totalling about £15,000. They are also making available £15,000 to the Secretary-General in response to the appeal in General Assembly resolution A/RES/399 of 9 November.

So far as refugees are concerned, Her Majesty's Government have agreed to accept refugees into the United Kingdom without limit. They have also agreed, in view of the urgency and of the number to be accommodated, no longer to insist on the formality of individual interviews. Emergency plans are being worked out to accommodate large numbers of refugees when they arrive in the United Kingdom, and steps are being taken to provide for them temporarily until proper provisions can

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be made for their disposition. The arrangements are being made by the British Council for Aid to Refugees with the assistance of the other voluntary agencies and of the Government Departments concerned.

By way of financial contribution for the assistance of the refugees, Her Majesty's Government have made available £10,000 to the British Council for Aid to Refugees, £20,000 to the Austrian Government and £15,000 to the Secretary-General in response to the appeal in General Assembly resolution A/RES/398 II of 9 November.

In addition, funds raised in the United Kingdom by public subscription totalled approximately £585,000 on 21 November. This figure includes:

- £305,000 contributed to the Lord Mayor of London's Hungarian Relief Fund;
- £159,000 contributed to the British Red Cross;
- £53,000 contributed to the British United Nations Association;
- £27,000 contributed to the Save the Children Fund;
- £14,000 contributed to the Inter-Church Aid for Refugees appeal.

Most of these funds will be used for the provision of supplies, transport etc. directly in Austria. The British Red Cross has already spent over £85,000 in this manner. Sir Pierson Dixon understands that the manner in which the Lord Mayor's Fund will be disposed of has yet to be determined.

It will be seen, therefore, that in addition to the provisions for the acceptance of an unlimited number of refugees in the United Kingdom, financial contributions have already been made by Governmental and public subscription amounting to a total of nearly £700,000, or the equivalent of more than \$2,000,000.

32. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

13 November 1956
Original: English

The representative of the United States of America to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the announcement on 9 November 1956 of the United States representative in the second emergency special session of the General Assembly that the United States Government is making available \$1,000,000 to the Secretary-General for assistance to Hungarian refugees.

The representative of the United States has the honour to transmit herewith a check in the amount of \$1,000,000. A receipt for this enclosure would be appreciated.

Enclosure:

United States Treasury
check in the amount of
\$1,000,000.

33. URUGUAY

24 November 1956
Original: Spanish

With reference to your communication of 15 November 1956, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay has decided to admit and offer asylum to 100 Hungarian citizens.

I should also like to inform you that my Government has expressed the desire that these persons should preferably be farmers.

(Signed) Juan J. CARBAJAL-VICTORIA

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VENEZUELA

22 November 1956
Original: Spanish

I have the honour to inform you that the Venezuelan Government, in response to the requests for assistance for Hungarian refugees in Austria made by the General Assembly in resolutions adopted at the second emergency special session and the present regular session, has decided to act on those appeals in the following manner: firstly, by admitting 1,500 Hungarian refugees, to be selected and placed by agreement between the National Agrarian Institute and the competent international agencies; and secondly, by means of a special contribution by the National Government of the sum of 167,500 bolivars, the equivalent of US\$50,000, to be used for the purchase of medical and other supplies, which will be sent to the Hungarian refugees through the International Red Cross.

(Signed) José LORETE ARISMENDI
Chairman of the
Venezuelan delegation

YUGOSLAVIA

23 November 1956
Original: English

In reply to the appeal contained in your telegram No. 50/530 of 15 November 1956, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia has decided to contribute to the relief for the people of Hungary an amount of 150 million dinars, which contribution will be in kind and given directly.

This assistance that my Government is prepared to contribute to the relief for Hungary will consist of the following: rice, beans, soap, fire wood, lumber, glass and cement.

(Signed) Dr. Joza BRILEJ
Permanent Representative of the F.P.R.
of Yugoslavia to the United Nations