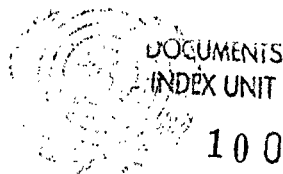


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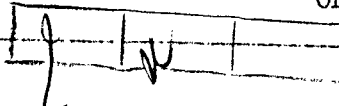


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WORKING CAPITAL FUND AUTHORIZATION

Request for advance from the Working Capital Fund to
finance on a reimbursable basis expenses for
the Korean relief operation

(Note by the Secretary-General)

1. The concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is requested, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 4(c) of General Assembly resolution 358(IV) relating to the Working Capital Fund, to increase by \$180,000 the total of \$250,000 set aside as a revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities.
2. This action is required as a temporary measure, pending the development of a larger United Nations programme, under the resolution recommended by the First Committee (document A/C.1/574), to permit the Secretary-General to meet expenses in connexion with field teams to work on health and welfare problems of civilians in Korea.
3. The Secretary-General's request is presented in the circumstances described below:
 - (a) The Security Council at its 479th meeting on 31 July 1950 adopted a resolution on Korean relief which, among other things, requested the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies to provide such assistance as the Unified Command might request for the relief and support of the civilian population of Korea. A supporting resolution was adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 14 August 1950.
 - (b) Acting under these resolutions, the Secretary-General appointed a United Nations Special Adviser on Civilian Relief in Korea and a Relief Coordinator at United Nations Headquarters, their expenses being met from a Working Capital Fund advance under the paragraph of the Working Capital

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Fund resolution relating to the maintenance of peace and security.

(c) The Secretary-General also established a United Nations Korean Relief Assistance Fund for the receipt of cash donations from Governments.

(Donations in kind are not received into this Fund but are made directly to the Unified Command according to terms of acceptance arranged through the Secretary-General.)

(d) In addition to those actions of the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies have responded to the two resolutions by furnishing supplies and personnel as requested by the Unified Command. IRO has contributed supplies and WHO and IRO have seconded personnel to constitute field teams under the Special Adviser and also to serve as advisers to the Korean Government on health and welfare matters.

(e) It is possible that arrangements may also be made for the supplying by the League of Red Cross Societies of teams of health, sanitation and welfare officers which may be requested by the Unified Command. This would be in addition to teams furnished at no expense to the Unified Command by the American Red Cross.

4. In the case of the specialized agencies, the salaries of the seconded personnel are being borne by the agencies, and the Secretary-General is temporarily paying the costs of transportation from New York to Tokyo, plus subsistence and clothing allowances and other local expenses. If League of Red Cross Societies' teams are seconded, it is hoped that comparable arrangements would be worked out with the League.

5. Neither the sums advanced from the Working Capital Fund for maintenance of peace and security nor the sums thus far received in the Korean Relief Assistance Fund can be used to meet these charges. The Working Capital Fund advance under paragraph (a) of resolution 357 (IV) cannot be used because the costs are not considered to be a final charge against the United Nations budget. The Korean Relief Assistance Fund cannot be utilized because, of the cash donations pledged, only one has thus far been received and it has been contributed specifically for the purchase of supplies.

6. It is anticipated that the charges being incurred for field personnel seconded from international agencies will either be paid finally by the agencies or, to the extent that full reimbursement cannot be made, will be included as

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allowable administrative charges in a larger United Nations programme for relief and rehabilitation in Korea which the General Assembly is expected to adopt at its present session.

7. The total charges to be paid by the United Nations toward field teams from mid-September to the end of 1950 should not exceed \$200,000. An amount of \$21,750 is still available from the \$250,000 provided in the Working Capital Fund for self-liquidating activities. Hence, the balance sought under paragraph 4(c) of resolution 358(IV) is \$180,000.
