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LETTER DATED 30 JUNE 1980 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
GOVERNMENTS OF ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, CONTAINING A
FURTHER APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE
FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN
CYPRUS

I should be most grateful if you would bring to the urgent attention of your Government this further appeal which I am addressing to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies in order to obtain additional voluntary contributions for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

The importance of UNFICYP has been emphasized time and again by the Security Council, and the stationing of the Force in the island has been repeatedly extended by it. In its resolution 472 (1980) of 13 June 1980, the Council, noting my report of 3 June 1980 (S/13972), decided to extend the stationing of the Force in Cyprus for a further period ending 15 December 1980 and requested me to continue my mission of good offices. I have reported to the Council that the continued presence of UNFICYP remains indispensable and that, in helping to maintain calm in the island, UNFICYP also facilitates the continued search for a peaceful settlement.

Despite intensive efforts, this search, as I reported to the Security Council on 3 June 1980 (S/13972, sect. V), has not so far brought the two sides to the negotiating table. However, I continue to hold to the opinion that the intercommunal talks, if properly used, still represent the best available method for negotiating a political settlement of the Cyprus problem. Naturally, the maintenance of peaceful conditions in the island, which is the task of UNFICYP, is indispensable if the process is to have a reasonable chance of success.

I am, however, obliged to draw attention to the difficulties I face in maintaining the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, owing to the continuing deficit in the UNFICYP budget. The United Nations operation in Cyprus is financed in part by the troop-contributing Governments and in part by Governments making voluntary contributions. But the voluntary contributions received have consistently fallen short of needs, resulting in an accumulated deficit for the period ending 15 December 1979 of more than \$58 million. Additionally, \$13.2 million, of which \$2,433,455 have been received, are required to meet that portion of the total cost of UNFICYP for the current six-month period ending 15 June 1980 that is normally financed by such contributions. This would

leave costs of approximately \$25.5 million, based on past practice, to be met by the troop-contributing countries, a figure that includes both certain reimbursable extra costs and the non-reimbursable regular costs incurred by them which these countries finance at their own expense (see annex). The Governments concerned have conveyed to me their growing and very serious concern over the disproportionate financial burden which they have been carrying for more than 16 years now and which has obliged some of them to review their commitments relating to their participation in UNFICYP. I am equally concerned at the inability of UNFICYP to meet its financial commitments in full and at the implications of this situation in regard to the continued functioning of this peace-keeping operation.

I consider it essential to make every possible effort to rectify the serious financial situation confronting UNFICYP. Under existing arrangements, this has been done by obtaining additional voluntary contributions to replenish the UNFICYP Special Account. I therefore urgently request Governments to consider increasing their contributions, or to begin making voluntary contributions if not made before. I also wish to express the hope that regular financial contributors to the UNFICYP Account will find it possible at least to maintain the level of their contributions. I now appeal to your Government to respond promptly and generously with a voluntary contribution to enable UNFICYP to carry out its important function.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
Secretary-General

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Annex

FINANCIAL POSITION OF UNFICYP

Since 1964, 65 countries have made payments or pledges of voluntary contributions to support the United Nations operation in Cyprus. Contributions to the UNFICYP Special Account since the beginning of the operation, as well as the pledges and payments received so far for the period from 16 June 1979 to 15 December 1979, are listed in the attached table.

In order to provide contingents for UNFICYP, the troop-contributing Governments divert from national duty troops and other resources at an ongoing cost to them presently estimated by them at \$25.5 million for each six-month period. This figure includes (a) the troops' regular pay and allowances and normal matériel expenses for which, under existing arrangements, the United Nations is not required by the troop contributors to reimburse them; these therefore constitute costs of maintaining the Force which are being financed directly by the troop-contributing Governments; and (b) certain extra and extraordinary costs that they incur in respect of UNFICYP for which, under existing arrangements, the troop contributors would be entitled to claim reimbursement from the United Nations, but which they have agreed to finance at their own expense, as a further contribution to the United Nations operation in Cyprus.

Including the above two elements of costs, the actual cost of financing the United Nations operation in Cyprus for the six-month period ending 15 June 1980 would total approximately \$38.7 million, estimated as follows:

	\$ (Millions)
1. (a) Regular troops' pay and allowances and normal matériel costs, and	
(b) Certain extra and extraordinary costs of the troop-contributing Governments that are financed directly by them	25.5
2. Direct costs to the United Nations which the Organization is required to meet (including the extra and extraordinary costs of Governments providing contingents for which they seek to be reimbursed), financed through voluntary contributions	13.2
Total costs	38.7

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Voluntary contributions from Governments are required to finance the second of these cost elements, as indicated in the cost estimates included in my report to the Security Council of 1 December 1979 (S/13672, sect. VI).

The voluntary contributions received from Governments have not been sufficient to cover these costs. The accumulated deficit from the inception of the operation through 15 December 1979 now stands at \$58.4 million, as compared to the deficit of \$62.2 million about six months ago, as indicated in my letter to you of 14 December 1979 (S/13692). Three contributions, amounting to \$2,433,455, have been received so far towards that portion of the costs of maintaining the operation during the current six-month period ending 15 June 1980 (that is, \$13.2 million) that is to be financed by voluntary contributions.

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PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD
27 MARCH 1964 TO 15 DECEMBER 1979 AS AT 9 JUNE 1980

(in United States dollar equivalent)

<u>Country</u>	<u>36th period 16/6/79 to 15/12/79</u>	<u>Total pledges</u>	<u>Payments received</u>	
AUSTRALIA	49 523	2 318 702	2 318 702	a/
AUSTRIA	125 000	2 940 000	2 940 000	a/b/h/
BELGIUM	147 312	3 355 146	3 355 146	
BOTSWANA	-	500	500	
CANADA	-	-	-	a/
CYPRUS	150 000	2 416 359	2 416 359	
DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA	-	600	600	e/
DENMARK	120 000	3 885 000	3 885 000	a/b/
FINLAND	-	900 000	900 000	b/
GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF	500 000	18 500 000	18 500 000	
GHANA	-	76 897	76 897	
GREECE	400 000	16 550 000	16 550 000	h/
GUYANA	-	11 812	11 812	
ICELAND	3 000	53 157	53 157	
INDIA	5 000	40 000	40 000	
IRAN	-	144 500	94 500	
IRAQ	5 000	40 000	30 000	
IRELAND	-	50 000	50 000	
ISRAEL	-	26 500	26 500	
ITALY	200 000	6 331 645	6 347 128	
IVORY COAST	-	60 000	60 000	
JAMAICA	936	31 033	31 033	
JAPAN	200 000	2 840 000	2 840 000	
KUWAIT	25 000	115 000	115 000	
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	-	1 500	1 500	e/
LEBANON	-	3 194	3 194	
LIBERIA	-	13 321	11 821	
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	-	50 000	50 000	
LUXEMBOURG	5 286	90 711	90 711	
MALAWI	-	5 590	5 590	

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<u>Country</u>	<u>36th period 16/6/79 to 15/12/79</u>	<u>Total pledges</u>	<u>Payments received</u>
MALAYSIA	-	7 500	7 500
MALTA	-	1 820	1 820
MAURITANIA	-	4 370	4 370
MOROCCO	-	20 000	20 000
NEPAL	-	800	800
NETHERLANDS	-	2 518 425	2 518 425
NEW ZEALAND	19 440	71 137	71 137
NIGER	-	2 041	2 041
NIGERIA	-	10 800	10 800
NORWAY	305 000	5 868 265	5 868 265
OMAN	-	8 000	8 000
PAKISTAN	-	38 791	38 791
PHILIPPINES	250	11 500	11 500
QATAR	-	21 000	21 000
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	-	16 000	16 000
SENEGAL	-	4 000	-
SIERRA LEONE	-	46 425	46 425
SINGAPORE	-	7 500	7 500
SOMALIA	-	1 000	1 000
SWEDEN	200 000	6 120 000	6 120 000 <u>a/b/</u>
SWITZERLAND	256 024	4 589 844	4 589 844
THAILAND	-	2 500	2 500
TOGO	-	1 020	-
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	-	2 400	2 400
TURKEY	-	1 839 253	1 839 253
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	-	10 000	10 000
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	1 886 674	54 575 447 <u>c/</u>	54 575 447 <u>a/b/h/</u>
UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON	-	13 567	13 567
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	-	7 000	7 000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	4 500 000	122 400 000 <u>d/</u>	119 221 177
URUGUAY	-	2 500	2 500
VENEZUELA	2 500	13 000	13 000
VIET NAM	-	4 000	4 000 <u>e/</u>
YUGOSLAVIA	-	40 000	40 000
ZAIRE	-	30 000	30 000
ZAMBIA	-	38 000	28 000
	<u>9 105 945</u>	<u>259 249 072</u>	<u>255 959 212</u>

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a/ Indicative figures over a six-month period of the costs absorbed by Governments providing contingents (see above, annex, p. 2, item 1, of tabulation) are as follows: Australia \$300,000, Austria \$1.9 million, Canada \$7.25 million, Denmark \$450,000, Sweden \$3.5 million and United Kingdom \$12.15 million.

b/ Payment has been made or will be made by means of an offset against the Government's claims for reimbursement of its costs.

c/ Maximum amount pledged.

d/ Maximum amount pledged. The ultimate contribution will be dependent on contributions of other Governments.

e/ Contributions received in 1964.

f/ Contributions received in 1967.

g/ Contributions received in 1964-1966.

h/ In addition, the following pledges or payments have been received for the period from 16 December 1979 to 15 June 1980: Austria \$125,000, Greece \$400,000, United Kingdom approximately \$1,908,000.
