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LETTER DATED 30 JANUARY 1976 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

Since the establishment of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) in March 1964, I have regularly addressed appeals to Governments for voluntary contributions to meet the costs of maintaining that Force. In addressing this further appeal to your Government, I consider it important to draw special attention to the critical financial condition of that peace-keeping operation of the United Nations. This situation made it necessary for me to warn the Security Council in my report of 8 December 1975 that if no remedial measures can be achieved, UNFICYP may well one day find itself unable to continue functioning for lack of funds.

On 13 December 1975, in its resolution 383 (1975), 1/a copy of which is attached, the Security Council extended the stationing of UNFICYP in Cyprus for a further period ending 15 June 1976. The basis for the financing of UNFICYP, as decided by the Security Council, is by voluntary contributions. Since 1964, 60 countries have made payments or pledges on that basis. Voluntary contributions paid or pledged 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 1975 to 15 December 1975, are listed in the attached table. In addition, Governments contributing contingents are continuing to bear at their own expense considerable extra costs incurred as a result of this operation (see foot-note a/ to attached table).

The contributions received from Governments have not been sufficient however to cover expenditures for the maintenance of the United Nations Force. The accumulated deficit for the period through 15 December 1975 now stands at \$34.6 million. One contribution of \$247,563 has been received so far towards the costs of maintaining the Force during the current six-month period ending 15 June 1976. These costs are estimated at \$11.8 million, as compared to \$13.4 million for the period 16 June-15 December 1975. The reduced level of expenditure is the result of the recent reduction in strength of UNFICYP, from 3,548 on 14 July 1975, when I issued my last appeal for voluntary contributions, to 2,950 by the end of January 1976. Despite

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this helpful trend, the UNFICYP deficit has continued to grow because voluntary contributions have been made in insufficient amounts and by a disappointingly limited number of Governments.

As a result of the shortfall in contributions, the bills presented by the troop-contributing Governments to the United Nations for reimbursement of their extra and extraordinary costs have been met only to June 1972. The practical effect of this situation has been that these Governments have continued to shoulder a heavy, indeed a disproportionate, burden in providing contingents for a peace-keeping operation established and repeatedly extended by the Security Council in the exercise of its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security. The Governments concerned have conveyed to me their growing and very serious concern over this situation, which cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely.

I need hardly emphasize that my responsibility in regard to UNFICYP can be discharged only if Governments provide the necessary support for this important United Nations peace-keeping effort. I am therefore appealing again to the Governments of all States Members of the Organization or members of specialized agencies to respond promptly and generously with voluntary contributions to enable UNFICYP to carry on its important function.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM Secretary-General

PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964-15 DECEMBER 1975 AS AT 30 JANUARY 1976 (in US dollar equivalent)

Country	28th period 16 June 1975- 15 December 1975	Total pledges	Payments received
Australia Austria Belgium Botswana Cambodia	46,872 125,000 - - -	1,913,619 1,970,000 2,152,971 500 600	1,913,619 <u>a/</u> 1,970,000 <u>a/</u> <u>b/</u> 2,152,971 500 600
Canada Cyprus Denmark Finland Germany, Federal Republic of	- 120,000 - 500,000	1,115,666 2,925,000 600,000 14,500,000	1,115,666 2,925,000 <u>a/b/</u> 600,000 14,500,000
Ghana Greece Guyana Iceland Iran	- 400,000 - 2,250 5,500	42,967 13,350,000 11,812 31,657 67,000	42,967 13,350,000 11,812 31,657 67,000
Iraq Ireland Israel Italy Ivory Coast	 	10,000 50,000 26,500 4,401,645 60,000	10,000 50,000 26,500 4,012,761 60,000
Jamaica Japan Lao People's Democratic Republic Lebanon Liberia	1,834 150,000 - -	25,469 1,440,000 1,500 3,194 10,155	25,469 1,440,000 1,500 2,894 8,655
Libyan Arab Republic Luxembourg Malawi Malaysia Malta	- - - -	30,000 57,000 5,590 7,500 1,820	30,000 57,000 5,590 7,500 1,820

Country	28th period 16 June 1975- 15 December 1975	Total pledges	Payments received
Mauritania	-	4,370	4,370
Morocco	-	20,000	20,000
Nepal	-	400	
Netherlands	-	1,421,000	1,421,000
New Zealand	_	42,000	42,000
Niger	-	2,041	2,041
Nigeria	- .	10,800	10,800
Norway	151,542	3,200,234	3,200,234 <u>c</u> /
Oman	-	5,000	5,000
Pakistan	-	29,791	29,791
Philippines	1,000	.9,000	9,000
Republic of Korea	<u>-</u>	16,000	16,000
Republic of South Viet-Nam	_	4,000	4,000
Senegal	-	4,000	<u>-</u>
Sierra Leone	wa	46,425	46,425
Singapore	_	6,000	6,000
Somalia	-	1,000	1,000
Sweden	200,000	4,520,000	4,520,000 a/b/
Switzerland	154,545	2,835,066	2,835,066
Thailand	_	2,500	2,500
Trinidad and Tobago	_	2,400	2,400
Turkey	_	1,839,253	1,839,253
United Kingdom of Great Britain		•	•
and Northern Ireland	-	39,002,867	1/39,002,867 a/b/
United Republic of Cameroon	2,992	7,107	7,107
United Republic of Tanzania	-	7,000	7,000
United States of America	_	80.900.000	<u>∍</u> / 77,721,177
Uruguay		2,500	2,500
Venezuela	_	3,000	3,000
Yugoslavia	<u></u>	20,000	20,000
Zaire	-	30,000	30,000
Zambia	-	38,000	28,000
	1,861,535	178,843,919	175,260,012

(Foot-notes on following page)

(Foot-notes to table)

a/ Indicative figures for the six-month period ended 16 December 1975 of the amounts of extra and extraordinary costs absorbed by Governments providing contingents are as follows: Australia \$0.4 million, Austria \$0.2 million, Canada \$0.9 million,* Denmark \$0.4 million, Sweden \$0.7 million and the United Kingdom \$1.2 million.*

^{*} Exclusive of the normal cost of pay and allowances.

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/ In addition, an amount of \$274,563 has been received from Norway for the 29th period (16 December 1975-15 June 1976).

d/ Maximum amount pledged.

 $[\]underline{e}$ Maximum amount pledged. The ultimate contribution will be dependent on contributions of other Governments.