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LETTER DATED 15 JULY 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 the 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 once again to warn the Security Council, in my report of 5 June 1976, that if no remedial measures can be achieved, UNFICYP may well one day find itself unable to continue to function for lack of funds.

On 15 June 1976, in its resolution 391 (1976), 1/ a copy of which is attached, the Security Council extended the stationing of UNFICYP in Cyprus for a further period ending 15 December 1976. The basis for the financing of UNFICYP, as decided by the Security Council, is by voluntary contributions. Since 1964, 61 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 December 1975 to 15 June 1976, 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 June 1976 now stands at \$39.7 million, as compared to the total of \$34.6 million which I indicated in my letter to you of 30 January 1976. Two contributions totalling \$130,000 have been received so far towards the costs, estimated at \$12.0 million, of maintaining the Force during the current six-month period ending 15 December 1976. During the previous period, voluntary contributions continued to be made in insufficient amounts and by a disappointingly limited number of Governments.

1/ Circulated as document S/RES/391 (1976).

As a result of the shortfall in contributions and the resulting deficit, 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 December 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 JUNE 1976 AS AT 21 JULY 1976 2/
(in US dollar equivalent)

<u>Country</u>	<u>29th period 16 December 1975- 15 June 1976</u>	<u>Total pledges</u>	<u>Payments received</u>
Australia	-	1 919 875	1 919 875 <u>a/</u>
Austria	110 000	2 080 000	2 080 000 <u>a/ b/</u>
Belgium	-	2 280 376	2 280 376
Botswana	-	500	500
Canada	-	-	- <u>a/</u>
Cyprus	125 000	1 391 359	1 391 359
Democratic Kampuchea	-	600	600 <u>f/</u>
Denmark	120 000	3 045 000	3 045 000 <u>a/ b/</u>
Finland	-	600 000	600 000
Germany, Federal Republic of	500 000	15 000 000	15 000 000
Ghana	11 310	54 277	54 277
Greece	400 000	13 750 000	13 750 000
Guyana	-	11 812	11 812
Iceland	-	31 657	31 657
Iran	5 500	72 500	72 500
Iraq	5 000	15 000	15 000
Ireland	-	50 000	50 000
Israel	-	26 500	26 500
Italy	-	4 401 645	4 012 761
Ivory Coast	-	60 000	60 000
Jamaica	-	25 469	25 469
Japan	-	1 440 000	1 440 000
Lao People's Democratic Republic	-	1 500	1 500 <u>g/</u>
Lebanon	-	3 194	2 894
Liberia	-	10 155	8 655
Libyan Arab Republic	-	30 000	30 000
Luxembourg	-	63 350	63 350
Malawi	-	5 590	5 590
Malaysia	-	7 500	7 500
Malta	-	1 820	1 820

2/ For purposes of completeness, the table of pledges and payments attached to the Secretary-General's letter of 15 July 1976 has been updated in this document to cover voluntary contributions received up to 21 July 1976.

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<u>Country</u>	29th period		<u>Total pledges</u>	<u>Payments received</u>
	16 December 1975-	15 June 1976		
Mauritania	-	-	4 370	4 370
Morocco	-	-	20 000	20 000
Nepal	-	-	400	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	293 454	-	3 768 251	3 768 251
Oman	-	-	8 000	8 000
Pakistan	-	-	29 791	29 791
Philippines	-	-	9 000	9 000
Qatar	7 000	-	7 000	-
Republic of Korea	-	-	16 000	16 000
Senegal	-	-	4 000	-
Sierra Leone	-	-	46 425	46 425
Singapore	500	-	6 500	6 000
Socialist Republic of Viet-Nam	-	-	4 000	4 000 <u>h/</u>
Somalia	-	-	1 000	1 000
Sweden	200 000	-	4 720 000	4 720 000 <u>a/ b/</u>
Switzerland	167 323	-	3 002 389	3 002 389
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	979 909	-	42 688 860 <u>c/</u>	40 611 873 <u>a/ b/</u>
United Republic of Cameroon	3 000	-	10 107	7 107
United Republic of Tanzania	-	-	7 000	7 000
United States of America	-	-	80 900 000 <u>d/</u>	77 721 177
Uruguay	-	-	2 500	2 500
Venezuela	-	-	3 000	3 000
Yugoslavia	-	-	20 000	20 000
Zaire	-	-	30 000	30 000
Zambia	-	-	38 000	28 000
	<u>2 927 996</u>		<u>185 046 266 <u>e/</u></u>	<u>179 375 272 <u>e/</u></u>

(Foot-notes on following page)

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a/ Indicative figures for the six-month period ended 15 June 1976 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 \$1.6 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/ Maximum amount pledged.

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

e/ In addition, contributions have been received from Cyprus and Iraq for the period from 16 June to 15 December 1976 in the amounts of \$125,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

f/ Contributions received in 1964.

g/ Contributions received in 1967.

h/ Contributions received in 1964-1966.
