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LETTER DATED 12 JUNE 1979 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 443 (1978) 1/ of 14 December 1978, the Council, noting my report of 1 December, decided to extend the stationing of the Force in Cyprus for a further period ending 15 June 1979 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.

In pursuance of the mission of good offices entrusted to me by the Security Council, I visited Nicosia on 18 and 19 May for the high-level meeting in the course of which a ten-point agreement for the resumption of the intercommunal talks was worked out by the leaders of the two communities, under my personal auspices. The talks will resume on 15 June.

This hopeful event makes it even more essential, in my view, that peaceful conditions in Cyprus be maintained to facilitate the resumed negotiating process and the solution of the many difficulties which still remain.

In this connexion I am 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 making voluntary contributions. But the voluntary contributions received have consistently fallen short of needs, resulting in an accumulated deficit for the period ending

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1/ Circulated as S/RES/443 (1978).

15 December 1978 of more than \$53 million. Additionally, \$11.8 million, of which \$100,000 have been received, are required to meet that portion of the total cost of UNFICYP for the current six-month period ending 15 June 1979 that is normally financed by such contributions. This would leave costs of approximately \$17.7 million, based on past practice, to be met by the troop-contributing countries, a figure that included 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 they have been carrying 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 rectify the serious financial situation confronting UNFICYP. Under existing arrangements, this can only be 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 1978 to 15 December 1978, 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 of some \$17.7 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 1979 would total approximately \$29.5 million, estimated as follows:

	<u>\$ (million)</u>
(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 . . . . .	17.7
(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 . . . . .	11.8
Total costs . . . . .	<u>29.5</u>

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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 1978 (S/12946, 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 1978 now stands at \$53 million, as compared to the deficit of \$52.3 million about six months ago, as indicated in my letter to you of 10 November 1978. Two payments, amounting to \$125,960, have been received so far towards that portion of the costs of maintaining the operation during the current six-month period ending 15 June 1979 (that is, \$11.8 million) that are to be financed by voluntary contributions.

As a result of the deficit, the bills presented by the troop-contributing Governments to the United Nations for reimbursement of extra and extraordinary costs have been met only to September 1975. The practical effect of this situation has been that, as indicated above, these Governments have continued to shoulder a disproportionate burden in providing contingents for this United Nations peace-keeping operation.

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PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT  
FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964-15 DECEMBER 1978 AS AT  
25 MAY 1979

(In United States dollar equivalent)

Country	34th period 16/6/78 to 15/12/78	Total pledges	Payments received
Australia	50 000	2 219 875	2 219 875 <u>a/</u>
Austria	125 000	2 690 000	2 690 000 <u>a/</u> <u>b/</u> <u>h/</u>
Belgium	144 362	3 060 522	3 060 522
Botswana	-	500	500
Canada	-	-	- <u>a/</u>
Cyprus	150 000	2 116 359	2 116 359
Democratic Kampuchea	-	600	600 <u>e/</u>
Denmark	120 000	3 645 000	3 645 000 <u>a/</u> <u>b/</u>
Finland	-	900 000	900 000 <u>b/</u>
Germany, Federal Republic of	500 000	17 500 000	17 500 000
Ghana	-	76 897	76 897
Greece	400 000	15 750 000	15 750 000
Guyana	-	11 812	11 812
Iceland	2 750	47 157	47 157
India	10 000	30 000	30 000
Iran	50 000	144 500	94 500
Iraq	5 000	30 000	30 000
Ireland	-	50 000	50 000
Israel	-	26 500	26 500
Italy	200 000	5 981 645	5 947 128
Ivory Coast	-	60 000	60 000
Jamaica	-	29 137	29 137 <u>h/</u>
Japan	200 000	2 440 000	2 440 000
Kuwait	25 000	65 000	65 000
Lao People's Democratic Republic	-	1 500	1 500 <u>f/</u>
Lebanon	-	3 194	3 194
Liberia	-	13 321	11 821
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	-	50 000	50 000

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PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT  
FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964-15 DECEMBER 1978 AS AT  
25 MAY 1979 (continued)

(In United States dollar equivalent)

<u>Country</u>	<u>34th period 16/6/78 to 15/12/78</u>	<u>Total pledges</u>	<u>Payments received</u>
Luxembourg	4 509	80 139	80 139
Malawi	-	5 590	5 590
Malaysia	-	7 500	7 500
Malta	-	1 820	1 820
Mauritania	-	4 370	4 370
Morocco	-	20 000	20 000
Nepal	-	800	800
Netherlands	219 901	2 518 425	2 518 425
New Zealand	-	51 697	51 697
Niger	-	2 041	2 041
Nigeria	-	10 800	10 800
Norway	327 985	5 258 265	5 258 265
Oman	-	8 000	8 000
Pakistan	-	35 791	35 791
Philippines	500	11 000	11 000
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	5 720 000	5 720 000 <u>a/ b/</u>
Switzerland	274 194	4 077 796	4 077 796
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	1 643 645	50 894 092 <u>c/</u>	50 894 092 <u>a/ b/</u>
United Republic of Cameroon	-	13 567	13 567
United Republic of Tanzania	-	7 000	7 000
United States of America	4 350 000	113 550 000 <u>d/</u>	110 371 177

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FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964-15 DECEMBER 1978 AS AT  
25 MAY 1979 (continued)

(In United States dollar equivalent)

<u>Country</u>	<u>34th period 16/6/78 to 15/12/78</u>	<u>Total pledges</u>	<u>Payments received</u>
Uruguay	-	2 500	2 500
Venezuela	2 500	8 000	8 000
Viet Nam	-	4 000	4 000 <u>g/</u>
Yugoslavia	-	40 000	40 000
Zaire	-	30 000	30 000
Zambia	-	38 000	28 000
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a/ Indicative figures over a six-month period of the costs absorbed by Governments providing contingents (see above, annex, page 2, item 1 of tabulation) are as follows: Australia \$300,000, Austria \$1.1 million, Canada \$5.2 million, Denmark \$400,000, Sweden \$2.6 million and the United Kingdom \$8.1 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 payments have been received for the period from 16 December 1978 to 15 June 1979: Austria \$125,000; Jamaica \$960.

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