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LETTER DATED 14 JULY 1975 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 have the honour to address this further appeal to your Government for voluntary contributions to meet the costs of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

On 13 June 1975, in its resolution 370 (1975), a copy of which is attached, 1/ the Security Council extended the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force for a further period ending 15 December 1975. It may be recalled that UNFICYP was first established in March 1964 and its mandate repeatedly extended by the Council without a dissenting vote.

The basis for the financing of UNFICYP, as decided by the Security Council, is by voluntary contributions. Since 1964, 59 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 received so far for the period from 16 December 1974 to 15 June 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 June 1975 stands at \$33.8 million. No contributions have been received so far towards the costs, estimated at \$13.4 million, of maintaining the Force during the current six-month period ending 15 December 1975.

In my last report on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/11717, para. 70) I once again drew the attention of the Security Council to the critical financial situation of UNFICYP, and to the increasingly unmanageable size of the

1/ Circulated as document S/RES/370 (1975).

deficit of the Special Account for this peace-keeping operation. In this connexion, it will be recalled that until mid-1974, the costs to the Organization of maintaining the Force for a six-month period ran in the vicinity of \$6 to \$7 million. The events of July and August 1974 made it necessary for me, as an emergency measure, to request troop contributing Governments to provide reinforcements for the United Nations Force. In consequence of the increased strength of the Force, the rate of expenditure for its support was approximately doubled. While the strength of UNFICYP has since been brought down from a maximum of 4,400 to its present level of 3,548, I regret to report that voluntary contributions from Governments have failed to keep up with the requirements, causing the deficit to grow rapidly. Unless voluntary contributions from Governments increase above the present rate, the financial position of UNFICYP may be expected to deteriorate further.

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 the end of 1971. 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 unanimous decisions of 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.

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. Their support is all the more essential in view of the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 370 (1975), which noted my view that the negotiating process pursuant to resolution 367 (1975) of 12 March 1975 should be maintained and if possible accelerated, and requested me to continue the mission of good offices entrusted to me by the Council. The chances of success in this task will depend, in large measure, upon peaceful conditions being maintained in the Island.

It would seem clear to me that, in view of the joint responsibility of States Members of the United Nations for preserving international peace and security, there is an obligation for all Member States to provide the Organization with the financial means necessary to maintain its operation in Cyprus.

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 provide the financial support that UNFICYP requires in order to carry on its important function.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
Secretary-General

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PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE
PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964-15 JUNE 1975 AS AT 27 JUNE 1975

(in US dollar equivalent)

<u>Country</u>	<u>27th period</u> <u>16 December 1974-</u> <u>15 June 1975</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u> <u>received</u>
Australia	-	1 819 875	1 819 875 ^{a/}
Austria	125 000	1 845 000	1 845 000 ^{a/b/}
Belgium	72 854	2 152 971	2 152 971
Botswana	-	500	500
Cambodia	-	600	600
Canada	-	-	- ^{a/}
Cyprus	-	965 666	965 666
Denmark	-	2 685 000	2 685 000 ^{a/b/}
Finland	-	600 000	600 000 ^{b/}
Germany, Federal Republic of	-	13 500 000	13 500 000
Ghana	11 300	42 967	42 967
Greece	-	12 550 000	12 550 000
Guyana	-	11 812	11 812
Iceland	-	27 157	27 157
Iran	5 500	61 500	61 500
Ireland	-	50 000	50 000
Israel	-	26 500	26 500
Italy	-	4 401 645	3 845 639
Ivory Coast	-	60 000	60 000
Jamaica	-	23 635	23 635
Japan	-	1 140 000	1 140 000
Laos	-	1 500	1 500
Lebanon	-	3 194	2 894
Liberia	-	10 155	8 655
Libyan Arab Republic	-	30 000	30 000
Luxembourg	7 000	57 000	50 000
Malawi	-	5 590	5 590
Malaysia	-	7 500	7 500
Malta	-	1 820	1 820
Mauritania	-	4 370	4 370

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Country	27th period		
	16 December 1974- 15 June 1975	Total pledges	Payments received
Morocco	-	20 000	20 000
Nepal	-	400	-
Netherlands	-	1 171 000	1 171 000
New Zealand	-	42 000	42 000
Niger	-	2 041	2 041
Nigeria	-	10 800	10 800
Norway	172 086	3 048 692	3 048 692
Oman	3 000	5 000	5 000
Pakistan	-	26 791	26 791
Philippines	1 000	8 000	8 000
Republic of Korea	-	16 000	16 000
Republic of South Viet-Nam	-	4 000	4 000
Senegal	-	4 000	-
Sierra Leone	5 950	46 425	46 425
Singapore	500	6 000	6 000
Somalia	-	1 000	1 000
Sweden	-	4 120 000	4 120 000 ^{a/b/}
Switzerland	-	2 525 975	2 525 975
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	-	35 678 083 ^{c/}	35 678 083 ^{a/b/}
United Republic of Cameroon	-	4 115	4 115
United Republic of Tanzania	-	7 000	7 000
United States of America	-	76 100 000 ^{d/}	68 121 177
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>404 190</u>	<u>166 870 932</u>	<u>158 312 903</u>

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a/ Indicative figures for the six-month period ended 15 June 1975 of the amounts of extra and extraordinary costs absorbed by Governments providing contingents are as follows: Australia \$0.2 million, Austria \$0.2 million, Canada \$1.6 million,* Denmark \$0.4 million, Sweden \$0.7 million and the United Kingdom \$2.1 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.

* Exclusive of the normal cost of pay and allowances.