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LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1972 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
GOVERNMENTS 1/ 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 another appeal to your Government for voluntary contributions to meet the costs of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

On 13 December 1971, in its resolution 305 (1971), a copy of which is attached, 2/ the Security Council extended the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force for a further period ending 15 June 1972. The basis for the financing of UNFICYP, as decided by the Security Council is, as you know, by voluntary contributions. Even so, having in mind that the Force has been indispensable in restoring and maintaining quiet in Cyprus and continues to be there at the request of the parties and the unanimous decision of the Security Council, it would seem clear to me that there is a certain moral obligation for all peace-loving States to provide the United Nations with the financial means necessary to maintain that Force.

I make this renewed appeal for contributions because of the financial difficulties in relation to UNFICYP, which are due largely to insufficient response to previous appeals for voluntary contributions.

The cost to the United Nations of maintaining the Force for the period from 16 December 1971 to 15 June 1972, assuming continuance of present reimbursement commitments, has been estimated at \$6.5 million. The deficit of UNFICYP at this time is of the order of \$22.4 million. This figure was arrived at on the basis of the costs of UNFICYP to the United Nations for the period from the inception of the Force to 15 June 1972. It takes into account the voluntary contributions paid or pledged by Governments to meet those costs, excluding those pledges of one Government the payment of which is not yet assured because the matching conditions attached by that Government have not been met, as well as miscellaneous income of the UNFICYP Special Account.

1/ To all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies.

2/ Circulated as document S/RES/305 (1971).

..... The attached table lists the voluntary contributions paid or pledged to the UNFICYP Special Account since the beginning of the operation in March 1964, as well as the pledges received so far for the immediately preceding period of the stationing of UNFICYP, covering the costs of maintaining the Force from 16 June 1971 to 15 December 1971. Although some Governments have indicated that they would continue their financial support of UNFICYP, no formal pledges have yet been made by any Government for the current period, which ends on 15 June 1972. Governments contributing contingents are continuing to bear, at their own expense, considerable extra costs incurred as a result of this operation. Based on their reports, it is estimated that these absorbed costs would total approximately \$2,760,000 for the current six-month period.

For the past several years, my predecessor has drawn the attention of the Members of the Organization to the continuing and growing deficit of UNFICYP, which jeopardizes the proper support for the Force and may even put its continued existence in doubt. I fully share the misgivings he repeatedly expressed about the present method of financing this operation by voluntary contributions. My responsibility in regard to UNFICYP can be discharged only if Governments are prepared to provide the necessary support for this important United Nations peace-keeping effort. The above figures make it all too clear that this support has been forthcoming to an increasingly inadequate degree, as indicated in particular by the diminishing number of countries making voluntary contributions. Unless this situation is substantially corrected during the next few months, I shall again be obliged to report to the Security Council on the serious implications with regard to the future of UNFICYP.

I might add that UNFICYP's contribution to maintaining peaceful conditions in Cyprus is of particular importance at the present time, since the proposed reactivation of the intercommunal talks, as well as the chances of ultimate success of those talks, would be seriously jeopardized by any recurrence of violence. The United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus is carrying out its task "in the interest of preserving international peace and security", which is the joint responsibility of all States Members of the United Nations. I therefore appeal again to the Governments of all States Members of the Organization of members of the specialized agencies to respond promptly and generously with voluntary contributions to provide the modest financial support that UNFICYP requires in order to carry on its important function.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
Secretary-General

PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT
 FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964 - 15 DECEMBER 1971
 AS AT 16 FEBRUARY 1972

(In US dollar equivalents)

	<u>Twentieth period</u> <u>16 June - 15 December 1971</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u> <u>received</u>
Australia	50,000	1,519,875	1,519,875
Austria	80,000	1,160,000	1,160,000
Belgium	54,230	1,688,376	1,634,146
Botswana	-	500	500
Cyprus	74,994	657,594	657,594
Denmark	120,000	1,965,000	1,965,000 ^{a/}
Federal Republic of Germany	500,000	10,500,000	10,500,000
Finland	-	525,000	525,000 ^{a/}
Ghana	-	21,667	21,667
Guyana	2,547	5,020	5,020
Greece	400,000	10,150,000	10,150,000
Iceland	4,000	14,000	14,000
Iran	4,000	30,000	30,000
Ireland	-	50,000	50,000
Israel	-	26,500	26,500
Italy	180,000	3,279,039	2,559,039
Ivory Coast	-	60,000	60,000
Jamaica	2,000	17,800	17,800
Japan	-	690,000	690,000
Khmer Republic	-	600	600
Laos	-	1,500	1,500
Lebanon	300	1,597	1,297
Liberia	-	10,155	8,655
Libyan Arab Republic	-	30,000	30,000
Luxembourg	-	45,000	45,000
Malawi	-	5,590	5,590
Malaysia	-	7,500	7,500
Malta	-	1,820	1,820
Mauritania	-	2,041	2,041
Morocco	-	20,000	20,000
Nepal	-	400	-
Netherlands	-	921,000	921,000
New Zealand	-	42,000	42,000
Niger	-	2,041	2,041
Nigeria	-	10,800	10,800

	<u>Twentieth period</u> <u>16 June - 15 December 1971</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u> <u>received</u>
Norway	124,277	1,860,028	1,860,028
Pakistan	3,000	17,800	17,800
Philippines	-	4,000	4,000
Republic of Korea	-	16,000	16,000
Republic of Viet-Nam	-	4,000	4,000
Sierra Leone	-	11,900	11,900
Singapore	-	4,000	4,000
Sweden	180,000	2,980,000	2,980,000 ^{a/}
Switzerland	104,167	1,703,333	1,703,333
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	1,500,000	28,470,476	27,108,110 ^{a/}
United Republic of Tanzania	-	7,000	7,000
United States of America	2,400,000	56,900,000 ^{b/}	40,100,000
Venezuela	-	3,000	3,000
Zaire	-	30,000	30,000
Zambia	-	38,000	28,000
	<u>5,783,515</u>	<u>127,356,105</u>	<u>108,407,309</u>

^{a/} Payment has been made or will be made by means of an offset against Government's claims for reimbursement of its costs.

^{b/} Maximum amount pledged. The ultimate contribution will be dependent on contributions of other Governments.