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LETTER DATED 12 MARCH 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
SWEDEN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to your letter FI 323/3 (18) of 8 January 1969, in which you appealed for voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Sweden has decided to make a further contribution of \$180,000 to meet the costs of the UNFICYP for the period ending 15 June 1969.

The decision by the Swedish Government to make a contribution for this six-month period in the same amount as for previous six-month periods despite the reduction by 25 per cent of the Force since November 1968 was made in recognition of the serious financial situation facing the United Nations in regard to UNFICYP as well as in the expectation that other Member countries will also find it possible to maintain their voluntary contributions to the Force at their previous level.

My Government has taken this decision without prejudice to its attitude on the principle of collective financial responsibility for United Nations operations of this nature.

I would be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Sverker ÅSTRÖM  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Sweden  
to the United Nations