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LETTER DATED 12 JANUARY 1968 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 draw the attention of your Government to the fact that by operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 244 (1967) of 22 December 1967, of which a copy is attached, ^{2/} the Security Council extended the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force (UNFICYP) for a further period of three months ending 26 March 1968.

It will be recalled that operative paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 provides that all costs pertaining to the Force are to be met, in a manner to be agreed upon by them, by the Governments providing the contingents and by the Government of Cyprus, with the provision that voluntary contributions for that purpose may be accepted by the Secretary-General.

As I have repeatedly indicated, this method of financing is unsatisfactory, and the present financial situation in respect of UNFICYP bears out that evaluation.

The estimated costs of UNFICYP to the Organization from its inception on 27 March 1964 to 26 March 1968 total \$85,045,000. This amount, of which \$5,750,000 represents the estimated cost of maintaining the Force at approximately its present strength for the three-month period ending 26 March 1968, includes the cost of final repatriation of contingents and liquidation costs, which is estimated at \$610,000.

The above estimates do not include costs which Governments providing contingents to the Force have agreed to bear at their own expense and which, for the three-month period ending 26 March 1968, are estimated by these Governments to be in excess of

^{1/} To all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies.

^{2/} Circulated as S/RES/244 (1967).

\$1.4 million [Australia, \$93,075; Austria, \$55,169; Canada, \$561,215 (exclusive of the cost of normal pay and allowances); Denmark, \$120,000; Ireland, \$260,500; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, \$325,000. Finland and Sweden are also absorbing certain UNFICYP costs at their own expense⁷.

The amounts paid or pledged by Governments to cover the Organization's costs totalled \$73,839,524 as at 10 January 1968. Details of contributions paid or pledged are annexed. To the above amount may be added \$396,000 which had been received as at 31 December 1967 from interest earned on investment of temporary surplus funds, public contributions and gains on exchange.

Accordingly, new pledges totalling approximately \$10,810,000 must now be received if the Organization is to be in a position to honour in full its past commitments to Governments providing contingents to UNFICYP and to cover the other costs involved in maintaining the Force until 26 March 1968.

Such contributions are of course entirely voluntary and are understood to be made without prejudice to the positions of principle adopted by Member States in respect of the financing of peace-keeping operations. On the other hand, it is essential, in view of the progressively deteriorating financial situation in relation to UNFICYP, that the necessary pledges should be received if the Organization is to be in a position to continue to carry out the mandate unanimously decided and repeatedly extended by the Security Council, and to honour the financial obligations incurred by it for that purpose.

I therefore once again appeal urgently to all Governments to respond promptly and generously with voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) U THANT

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PLEDGES TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR
THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964-26 MARCH 1968
AS AT 10 JANUARY 1968

(in US dollar equivalents)

<u>Government</u>	<u>Total Pledges</u>
Australia	1,036,875
Austria	520,000
Belgium	1,283,142
Cambodia	600
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	20,000
Cyprus	462,600
Denmark	1,005,000
Federal Republic of Germany	6,500,000
Finland	225,000
Ghana	11,666
Greece	5,650,000
Iceland	2,000
Iran	14,000
Ireland	50,000
Israel	26,500
Italy	1,842,618
Ivory Coast	30,000
Jamaica	8,000
Japan	400,000
Laos	1,500
Lebanon	997
Liberia	4,500
Libya	30,000
Luxembourg	45,000
Malawi	5,590
Malaysia	7,500
Malta	1,820

Morocco	20,000
Nepal	400
Netherlands	921,000
New Zealand	42,000
Niger	2,041
Nigeria	10,800
Norway	893,792
Pakistan	5,800
Philippines	1,000
Republic of Korea	16,000
Republic of Viet-Nam	4,000
Singapore	1,500
Sweden	1,540,000
Switzerland	895,000
Thailand	2,500
Trinidad and Tobago	2,400
Turkey	1,539,747
United Kingdom	16,620,636
United Republic of Tanzania	7,000
United States of America	32,100,000 ^{a/}
Venezuela	3,000
Zambia	26,000
	<u>73,839,524</u>

a/ Maximum amount pledged, part of which will be dependent on contributions of other Governments.
