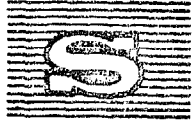


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LETTER DATED 16 MARCH 1977 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO GOVERNMENTS OF ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, CONTAINING A FURTHER APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

I should be most grateful if you would bring to the urgent attention of your Government this special 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. Most recently, in its resolution 401 (1976) 1/ of 14 December 1976, the Council noted from my report that in existing circumstances the continued presence of UNFICYP was essential, not only to help maintain quiet in the island, but also to facilitate the continued search for a peaceful settlement, and it decided to extend the stationing of the Force in Cyprus for a further period of six months ending 15 June 1977.

This decision has taken on added importance in view of the meeting that I held on 12 February 1977 with His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios and His Excellency Mr. Denktash, at which it was decided to resume the intercommunal talks under my auspices. At the same meeting guidelines were agreed upon for the interlocutors in the talks. The results of that meeting have certainly enhanced the prospects of a just and lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem.

I shall, of course, continue to do all I can to maintain the United Nations Force in Cyprus, but in this connexion I am obliged to point out the increasing difficulties in this endeavour in view of the continuing deficit in the UNFICYP budget. As you know, UNFICYP is financed by voluntary contributions. But the voluntary contributions provided have been utterly insufficient and the deficit in UNFICYP's budget has now grown to nearly \$44 million. As I have warned the Security Council on two occasions, UNFICYP may well one day find itself unable to function for lack of funds if additional voluntary contributions are not received in time.

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I consider it essential to remedy this situation as a matter of urgency. I need hardly emphasize that my responsibility in regard to this peace-keeping operation can be discharged only if Governments provide the necessary support for it. I am therefore appealing 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

The basis for the financing of UNFICYP, as decided by the Security Council, is by voluntary contributions. Since 1964, 62 countries have made payments of 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 and payments received so far for the period from 16 June 1976 to 15 December 1976, 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 December 1976 now stands at \$43.8 million, as compared to the total of \$39.7 million which I indicated in my letter to you of 15 July 1976. One pledge, in the amount equivalent to \$842,000 approximately, has been received so far towards the costs, estimated at \$12.7 million, of maintaining the Force during the current six-month period ending 15 June 1977.

As a result of the shortfall in contributions and the resulting deficit, 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 June 1973. The practical effect of this situation has been that these Governments have continued to shoulder a disproportionate burden in providing contingents for this United Nations peace-keeping operation. The Governments concerned have conveyed to me their growing and very serious concern over this situation, which may oblige some of them to reduce their contingents or withdraw them from Cyprus.

PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT
 FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1964-15 DECEMBER 1976 AS AT
 15 MARCH 1977

(in US dollar equivalent)

<u>Country</u>	<u>30th period 16 June- 15 December 1976</u>	<u>Total pledges</u>	<u>Payments received</u>
Australia	50 000	2 019 875	2 019 875 <u>a/</u>
Austria	110 000	2 190 000	2 190 000 <u>a/b/</u>
Belgium	--	2 280 376	2 280 376
Botswana	--	500	500
Canada	--	--	-- <u>a/</u>
Cyprus	125 000	1 516 359	1 516 359
Democratic Kampuchea	--	600	600 <u>e/</u>
Denmark	120 000	3 165 000	3 165 000 <u>a/b/</u>
Finland	37 500	900 000	900 000 <u>b/</u>
Germany, Federal Republic of	500 000	15 500 000	15 500 000
Ghana	--	54 277	54 277
Greece	400 000	14 150 000	14 150 000
Guyana	--	11 812	11 812
Iceland	2 500	36 657	36 657
India	10 000	10 000	10 000
Iran	5 500	78 000	78 000
Iraq	5 000	20 000	20 000
Ireland	--	50 000	50 000
Israel	--	26 500	26 500
Italy	200 000	5 181 645	4 972 761
Ivory Coast	--	60 000	60 000
Jamaica	1 834	27 303	27 303
Japan	150 000	1 740 000	1 740 000
Lao People's Democratic Republic	--	1 500	1 500 <u>f/</u>
Lebanon	--	3 194	2 894
Liberia	--	10 155	8 655
Libyan Arab Republic	--	30 000	30 000
Luxembourg	--	63 350	63 350
Malawi	--	5 590	5 590
Malaysia	--	7 500	7 500

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<u>Country</u>	30th period		<u>Payments received</u>
	<u>15 December 1976</u>	<u>Total pledges</u>	
Malta	-	1 820	1 820
Mauritania	-	4 370	4 370
Morocco	-	20 000	20 000
Nepal	-	400	400
Netherlands	250 000	1 671 000	1 671 000
New Zealand	-	42 000	42 000
Niger	-	2 041	2 041
Nigeria	-	10 800	10 800
Norway	-	3 768 251	3 768 251
Oman	-	8 000	8 000
Pakistan	3 000	32 791	32 791
Philippines	-	9 000	9 000
Qatar	-	7 000	7 000
Republic of Korea	-	16 000	16 000
Senegal	-	4 000	-
Sierra Leone	-	46 425	46 425
Singapore	-	6 500	6 500
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam	-	4 000	4 000 <u>g/</u>
Somalia	-	1 000	1 000
Sweden	200 000	4 920 000	4 920 000 <u>a/b/</u>
Switzerland	171 371	3 173 760	3 173 760
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	1 458 319	44 698 390 <u>c/h/</u>	44 698 390 <u>a/b/</u>
United Republic of Cameroon	-	10 107	10 099
United Republic of Tanzania	-	7 000	7 000
United States of America	4 800 000	95 300 000 <u>d/</u>	77 721 177
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>8 600 024</u>	<u>204 842 501</u>	<u>187 038 986</u>

(Foot-notes to table on following page)

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a/ Indicative figures for the six-month period ended 15 December 1976 of the amounts of extra and extraordinary costs absorbed by Governments providing contingents are as follows: Australia \$0.4 million, Austria \$0.2 million, Canada \$0.9 million*, Denmark \$0.4 million, Sweden \$0.7 million and the United Kingdom \$1.7 million*.

* Exclusive of the normal cost of pay and allowances.

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 United Kingdom has pledged an amount equivalent to \$US 840,000 approximately for the period from 16 December 1976 to 31 March 1977.
