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LETTER DATED 15 MARCH 1989 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR 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 write to you about the critical financial situation of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Despite my repeated appeals for voluntary contributions, receipts continue to fall far short of the Organization's share of expenditures, even though that share is less than a third of the total cost of maintaining UNFICYP. As you know, the concern I have repeatedly expressed in this regard is very much shared by the Governments of the troop-contributing countries. It is most unfair that these countries should have to absorb such a disproportionate share of the cost of UNFICYP.

As of the end of February 1989, the accumulated shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account for the mandate periods ending 15 December 1988 had reached \$158 million. As regards the current period, only \$4.2 million has so far been pledged or received against projected expenditure estimated at some \$13.1 million (see annex for details of the current financial situation). As a result, the United Nations has been able to meet the claims of troop-contributing countries only up to June 1980. It is clear that this highly unsatisfactory situation cannot go on indefinitely.

The vital peace-keeping role of UNFICYP has been unanimously stressed by the Security Council time and again and the stationing of the Force in the island has been repeatedly extended by the Council. As I reported to the Council last November, UNFICYP's presence in Cyprus remains indispensable: the Force continues to make an important contribution to maintaining calm on the island, a condition which is clearly necessary for my ongoing efforts to negotiate a political settlement.

Given the important role played by UNFICYP and the increasingly precarious financial situation in which it finds itself, I should be most grateful if you could convey to your Government my concern about this situation and my urgent appeal for a voluntary financial contribution. It is my hope that your Government will find it possible to respond generously to this appeal so as to enable this important peace-keeping operation of the United Nations to continue.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

Annex

Financing and financial position of the United Nations  
Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus

In accordance with Security Council resolution 186 (1964) on the establishment of UNFICYP, the costs of the Force are being met by the Governments providing the contingents and by voluntary contributions received for this purpose by the United Nations. In addition, the Government of Cyprus provides, at no cost to the United Nations, areas for the headquarters, camps and other premises of UNFICYP.

Under existing arrangements, the troop-contributing Governments make available to the United Nations troops whose regular pay and allowances and normal matériel expenses they have agreed to pay themselves. In addition, these Governments have agreed to finance at their own expense, as a further contribution to the United Nations operation in Cyprus, certain extra and extraordinary costs that they incur in respect of UNFICYP. Both these cost elements currently amount to some \$33 million for each six-month period. They represent some 70 per cent of the total cost of maintaining UNFICYP.

The United Nations is responsible for financing entirely through voluntary contributions received from Governments (a) the operational expenditures (i.e. administrative and logistic support) incurred by UNFICYP and (b) certain extra and extraordinary costs incurred by the troop-contributing Governments for which they seek reimbursement. These expenditures are currently in the order of some \$13 million for the six-month period ending 15 June 1989.

The cost of financing the United Nations operation in Cyprus for the six-month period ending 15 June 1989 is estimated, therefore, at some \$46 million.

Since 1964, 76 countries have provided voluntary financial support to UNFICYP totalling approximately \$413 million. However, the contributions received for each extension period have consistently fallen short of the amounts required to meet the direct costs of the Force for which the United Nations is responsible. As a result, the shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account as at 28 February 1989 for the mandate periods ending 15 June 1989 is estimated at \$167 million. The status of contributions received for the latest four mandate periods is shown in the attached table.

STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR  
THE LATEST FOUR MANDATE PERIODS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 1989

(In United States dollar equivalent)

Country	52nd period	53rd period	54th period	55th period
	(16/06/87 to 15/12/87)	(16/12/87 to 15/06/88)	(16/06/88 to 15/12/88)	(16/12/88 to 15/06/89)
Australia a/	50 000	50 000	50 000	-
Austria a/ b/	125 000	125 000	125 000	-
Bahamas	1 000	1 000	1 000	-
Barbados	500	-	-	-
Belgium	131 352	141 401	141 401	-
Brunei Darussalam	1 500	-	-	-
Canada a/	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	350 000	375 000	375 000	-
Denmark a/ b/	107 847	107 847	-	-
Finland a/	-	-	-	-
Germany, Federal Republic of	768 644	821 965	821 966	764 393
Greece	400 000	400 000	-	-
Iceland	5 509	4 519	4 520	-
India	5 000	-	-	-
Ireland a/	-	-	-	-
Italy	257 693	200 000	200 000	-
Jamaica	500	500	500	-
Japan	200 000	200 000	200 000	-
Luxembourg	4 375	3 987	3 988	-
Nigeria	-	1 250	1 250	-
Norway	305 000	305 000	305 000	-
Pakistan	1 500	1 500	1 500	-
Spain	-	44 521	44 522	-
Sweden a/ b/	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	625 506	616 165	616 166	632 911
Thailand	-	-	-	1 000
Togo	1 656	-	-	-
Tunisia	1 500	-	-	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland a/ b/	1 401 069	1 435 310	1 533 249	-
United States of America	4 500 000	2 812 000	4 500 000	2 812 000
Uruguay	1 250	1 000	1 000	-

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Country	52nd period (16/06/87 to 15/12/87)	53rd period (16/12/87 to 15/06/88)	54th period (16/06/88 to 15/12/88)	55th period (16/12/88 to 15/06/89)
Venezuela	2 500	2 500	2 500	-
Yugoslavia	10 000	-	-	-
Zaire	-	-	-	1 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 258 901</b>	<b>7 650 465</b>	<b>8 928 562</b>	<b>4 211 304</b>

a/ Indicates troop-contributing Governments. Indicative figures over a six-month period of the costs absorbed for providing contingents are as follows: Australia, \$500,000; Austria, \$1.9 million; Canada, \$10.7 million; Denmark, \$650,000; Ireland, \$64,000; and United Kingdom, \$19 million.

b/ Payment has been made or will be made by means of an offset against the Government's claims for reimbursement of costs.

