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QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY
FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT, IN PARTICULAR:
TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Note by the Secretary-General

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1. The Commission on human Rights in its resolution 1983/17 of 22 February 1983, inter-alia, requested the Secretary-General to keep the Commission informed every year of the operation of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. For this purpose, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Commission to document A/38/221 containing his report to the General Assembly on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, which will be made available to the members of the Commission at the current session. The present note is intended to bring up to date the information contained in the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General. The General Assembly at its thirty eighth session adopted resolution 38/92 of 16 December 1983 entitled "United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture". The text of that resolution is reproduced in the annex to this note.

2. Since the report of the Secretary-General was issued on 23 November 1983, further contributions to the Voluntary Fund have been received and the Secretary-General has acted upon the recommendations for grants made by the Board of Trustees at its second session. As at 31 January 1984, the following Governments had made or pledged contributions to the Voluntary Fund:

	<u>Pledge (outstanding)</u>	<u>Contributions (received)</u> <u>(United States dollars)</u>
Canada <u>a/</u>		8,130.00
Cyprus		700.00
Denmark		114,600.00
Finland		124,305.25
France	FF 165,000 <u>b/</u>	19,480.52
Germany, Federal Republic of		54,106.70
Greece		5,000.00
Jordan		1,000.00
Luxembourg	Lfr, 100,000 <u>c/</u>	2,011.84
Netherlands		45,000.00
Norway		236,000.00
Sweden		210,790.27
Switzerland		68,540.10

3. The Lutheran World Federation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status, has made a contribution of \$US 1,000 and several individuals have made contributions totalling more than \$US 200. In addition \$US 28,140 was carried over from the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile and \$US 68,459 in interest has been earned.

a/ By a letter dated 17 October 1983, the Government of Canada pledged \$Can. 10,000 a year for four years; the contribution for the first year has been received.

b/ Letter dated 8 November 1983.

c/ Letter dated 30 September 1983.

Annex

General Assembly resolution 38/92
(adopted on 16 December 1983)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaims that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,

Recalling further its resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981 in which it noted with deep concern that acts of torture took place in various countries, recognized the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit and established the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Convinced that the struggle to eliminate torture includes providing assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and their family members,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to those Governments and individuals that have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;
2. Calls upon all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for the work carried out;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the support given to the Board of Trustees;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities to assist the Board of Trustees of the Fund, inter alia through the preparation, production and dissemination of information materials, in its efforts to make the Fund and its humanitarian work better known and in its appeal for contributions.

* The final edited text of this resolution will be published in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/38/47).