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LETTER DATED 22 MAY 1989 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA,  
AUSTRIA, CANADA, DENMARK, FINLAND, IRELAND, SWEDEN AND THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

As you are well aware, we continue to be gravely concerned at the growing deficit in the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) special account, which places an excessive and wholly unfair financial burden on the countries providing contingents for the Force. In addition to that deficit, those countries in any case under present arrangements bear around two thirds of the total cost of the peace-keeping operation. We are most grateful for your efforts in drawing the attention of Member States to this problem, which has serious implications both for UNFICYP itself and for United Nations peace-keeping in general, to which we attach great importance.

We are disappointed that, despite your efforts, there has been a further decline in the level of voluntary contributions to the financing of UNFICYP in the course of the current year. According to your latest letter of 15 March 1989 on this subject (S/20560), "at the end of February 1989, the accumulated shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account for the mandate periods ending 15 December 1988 had reached \$US 158 million. As regards the current period, only \$US 4.2 million has so far been pledged or received against projected expenditure estimated at some \$US 13.1 million. 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."

We believe that there is now no alternative to your proposal, which we fully endorse, that the Security Council agree to the financing of the United Nations share of the cost of the Force from assessed contributions. We would therefore appreciate it if you renewed your efforts in this regard. For our part we shall be making our views known to the members of the Security Council.

We would again like to assure you of our continuing support for your efforts to assist the two sides in reaching a negotiated settlement, and urge them to provide you with their full co-operation.

We would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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