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REPORT OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS

I.

1. The General Assembly, at its seventh session (resolution 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952), decided again to establish a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, on the same lines as in the previous year, to assist in obtaining funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, for the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency and for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, and for such other special programmes not provided for in the regular budget of the United Nations as might be designated by the General Assembly. The President of the Assembly appointed a Committee of nine members for this purpose, composed of the representatives of Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Haiti, Lebanon, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The Committee elected as its Chairman Dr. Karim Azkoul of Lebanon.
2. The Committee began its work on 14 November 1952. In the early months of 1953, it concentrated on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, in preparation for the Technical Assistance Conference. This Conference took place on 26 February 1953, and pledges amounting to \$21,145,570 were announced by the governments of sixty-three Member and non-member States. Pledges for 1953 to the Expanded Programme have since increased to a total of \$22,393,313 from sixty-nine countries, against a target of \$25 million. (Detailed figures of pledges and payments to this and the other programmes will be found in the annex to the present report.)

3. The Committee next turned its attention to securing pledges from governments to UNRWA and UNICEF, and invited those governments which had not yet contributed to either or both of these programmes to meet with the Committee. For UNRWA, pledges for the fiscal year 1952-1953 from thirty-nine governments, amounting to an actual total of \$67,086,830 have so far been made, and a total sum of approximately \$147 million has so far been pledged against the three-year target figure of \$250 million set by the General Assembly in resolution 513 (VI). Pledges for the fiscal year 1953-1954 totalling \$388,758 from six governments have so far been made.

4. For UNICEF, pledges for the current fiscal year totalling \$14,206,020 from forty-seven governments have so far been made, against a target of \$20 million established by the UNICEF Executive Board.

5. The Negotiating Committee then turned its attention to UNKRA and drew the attention of those governments which had not yet contributed to the Agency to the fact that a sum of approximately \$44 million still remained to be pledged to meet the \$250 million budget for three years envisaged in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 410 (V). Up to 1 September 1953, pledges in cash and kind from thirty-three governments amounting to a total of \$207,518,517 have been made to UNKRA.

6. The Committee believes that it would be of value to continue similar negotiations both formally and informally during the eighth session of the General Assembly.

II.

7. The Committee has devoted a certain amount of time to discussing its methods of work and the best methods of achieving results. The pledges described briefly above and in detail in the annex are, of course, not the result solely of the work of the Negotiating Committee. Many of them are the spontaneous response of governments, and some others have been partly the results of visits to and private negotiations with governments by senior officials and other persons on behalf of the various agencies. While welcoming the efforts of the agencies themselves to secure pledges from governments wherever appropriate, the Negotiating Committee feels that its own most appropriate and useful activity

is to initiate requests for funds mainly through delegations at the seat of the United Nations, to maintain contact with delegations during the year on questions concerning extra-budgetary contributions, and to co-ordinate the various approaches to governments for extra-budgetary funds, and it has noted with satisfaction the increased interest of delegations in its activities. The Committee believes that, with the collaboration of delegations in New York, it has, in many cases, been possible to secure action by governments in their own countries which has resulted in contributions to these programmes.

8. The Committee, throughout its work, has always stressed the importance of as near universal support as possible for the extra-budgetary programmes of the Organization and has aimed at securing contributions from as many countries, both Members and non-members of the United Nations, as possible. As regards the coming year, a number of factors make the universal and increased support of the agencies supported by extra-budgetary contributions more vital than ever.

9. The Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance has reached a stage of development where it needs all the financial and other support which States can give it, if it is to develop its full potential influence in meeting the needs of the under-developed countries. For this reason, the Economic and Social Council, at its sixteenth session (resolution 492 C (XVI)), urged governments to contribute to the maximum extent possible to the programme for 1954 and "in any case so that the funds available shall be no less than the amount earmarked by the Technical Assistance Board for the approved 1953 programme", i.e. approximately \$25,300,000.

10. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East is also reaching a stage where further continued financial support will be required if the Agency is to achieve success in solving the difficult problem of these refugees.

11. The prospect of peace in Korea imposes a very heavy responsibility for reconstruction and rehabilitation on the international community, resulting in a continuing requirement for financial support by governments on a major scale.

12. As far as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund is concerned, the recent recommendation of the Economic and Social Council for its continuation on a more permanent basis, if endorsed by the General Assembly, will require continuing financial support on at least the same scale as in recent years, if even the minimum urgent needs of children in many countries all over the world are to be met through assistance to governments.

13. Each of the programmes mentioned briefly above represents the urgent assistance required in the area or field of work concerned for which the international community has assumed responsibility. Each of the programmes mentioned has reached a stage where continued financial support is essential, on either the same or an increased scale, if the programmes are to produce the desired benefits for the areas and countries concerned. Apart from this consideration, the wider the basis of the support that is given to these programmes, the more valuable they are as an expression of international solidarity and of the spirit of mutual assistance among nations.

14. The Negotiating Committee recommends that the General Assembly should consider making early provision for the continuation of its work by a committee of Member Governments.

ANNEX

TABLE OF PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, UNICEF
AND UNRWA FOR 1953 AND 1954, AND TO UNKRA UP TO
1 SEPTEMBER 1953

1953				1952-1953				MEMBER STATES	1954		1953 1954
UNKRA		Expanded Programme		UNICEF		UNRWA			Expended Programme	UNICEF	UNRWA
Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Pledge
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
500,000	500,000	7,000		8,000	4,000						
4,002,710	1,330,733	200,000						440,803	440,803		
200,000	100,000	400,000	182,007	100,000		30,000					
		283,500	160,000	10,000							
		25,000		161,725	161,725	25,000					
49,934	49,934	459,459	12,000	56,000							
		12,000									
6,904,762	6904,762	800,000	800,000	507,614	507,614	600,000	600,000				
250,000		209,032		47,213	47,213						
		10,000									
		100,000	100,000	25,606	25,606						
		5,000	5,000	10,000							
		50,000									
860,000	289,555	434,342	217,171	28,960	28,960	43,478	43,478				
10,000		10,000	10,000								
		6,400		1,000	500						
28,716		86,157	86,157			245,673	245,673				
500		6,000	6,000			500	500				
40,000	40,000	20,000		24,000							
		1,207,500	1,207,500	500,000	500,000	2,596,937	382,651				
		20,295				21,000	21,000				
		7,500									
		12,000	12,000	10,000			2,000				
12,846,622	9,214,984	4,371,185	2,797,835	1,490,118	1,275,618	4,005,391	1,734,105				

1953				1952-1953				1954		1953-1954
UNRWA		Expanded Programme		UNICEF		UNRWA		Expanded Programme	UNICEF	UNRWA
Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Pledge	Pledge
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2,500	2,500	14,600	14,600	20,000	20,000					
		2,800	2,800	3,069						
100,000	100,000	275,000		315,000	315,000	104,000				
		59,211		100,000	100,000	60,000	60,000			60,000
		40,000				5,138				
		11,201		42,000						
33,600	33,600	40,000	10,000	25,000		1,029	1,029			
50,000	50,000	6,846				47,385	14,385			
15,000	15,000	12,000	12,000							
30,000	30,000	2,500	2,500	3,000		2,000	2,000			
		34,682								
263,158	263,158	421,053	280,526	39,474	39,474	25,000				
557,900		125,593	125,593	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000			140,000
		5,000		24,000						
829,000	11,900	69,999	69,999	28,000	28,000	42,097	42,097			42,097
		166,213	166,213	60,000		90,750				30,250
3,000		3,000								
10,000	10,000	5,000								
		10,000		58,333	41,667					
		50,000		50,000						
		75,000								
20,000	20,000	15,000	15,000			115,000	40,000			
966,518	322,237	386,623	386,623	193,050	193,050	58,000	44,788			58,000
11,408		11,410				61,826	61,826			
15,738,706	10,073,379	6,213,916	3,883,689	2,591,044	2,152,809	4,757,616	2,140,230			328,347

MEMBER STATES	1953				1952-1953		MEMBER STATES	1954		1953-1954	
	UNKRA Pledge	Expanded Programme Pledge	UNICEF Pledge	UNRWA Pledge	UNICEF Payment	UNRWA Payment		Expanded Programme Pledge	UNICEF Pledge	UNRWA Pledge	Expanded Programme Pledge
Thailand											
Turkey											
Ukrainian SSR											
Union of South Africa											
USSR											
United Kingdom											
United States											
Uruguay											
Venezuela											
Yemen											
Yugoslavia											
	28,000,000	8,540,000	1,000,000	1,400,168	280,000	5,200,000					
	162,500,000	50,750,000	12,767,145	8,171,333	9,814,333	60,063,250	16,000,000				
	70,000	70,000	75,000	12,500	250,000	5,000					
			25,000	2,100							
			2,100	62,500	200,000	29,614	40,000				
	206,308,706	69,433,379	21,769,400	13,572,290	14,204,620	79,919,597	23,340,230				330,347

1953				1952-1953		NON - MEMBER STATES	1954 Expanded Programme UNICEF Pledge Pledged	1953-1954 UNRWA Pledge Pledged
UNKRA Pledge	UNKRA Payment	Expanded Programme Pledge	Expanded Programme Payment	UNRWA Pledge	UNRWA Payment			
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
162,936	162,936	19,231	5,000	700	700	Austria		
		5,000	15,000	2,000	2,000	Cambodia		
		15,000		7,497	7,497	Ceylon		
		148,810		119,000	23,810	Federal Republic of Germany		
		10,000	10,000		1,000	Finland		
		93,000		28,000		Ireland		
1,013,333	1,013,333	80,000	80,000	38,400	11,600	Italy		
				100,000		Japan		
		3,000		1,400	70,000	Jordan		
		4,857		1,000	2,000	Korea		
		3,000			1,207	Laos		
						Libya		
286	286	1,143	1,143	285	285	Liechtenstein		
						Monaco		
						Portugal		
						Spain		
23,256	23,256	233,372	186,698	163,800		Switzerland		58,411
10,000	10,000	7,500		7,500	6,000	Viet-Nam		
1,209,811	1,209,811	623,913	297,841	454,748	173,440			58,411
					118,602			

UNKRA	1953				1952-1953		OTHER CONTRIBUTORS	Expanded Programme Pledge	UNICEF Pledge	1953-1954 UNRWA Pledge
	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment	Pledge	Payment				
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Bahrain Brunei Kuwait Malaya Qatar Sultan Rodesia Sudan	\$	\$	\$
			24,500		21,000					
			24,500							
207,518,517	70,643,190 ^{1/}	22,393,313	13,870,131 ^{2/}	14,206,020	80,189,299 ^{4/}	23,458,832	GRAND TOTAL			388,758

- 1/ United States contribution limited to 65 per cent of total.
- 2/ United States contribution limited to 60 per cent of total.
- 3/ United States contribution limited to 33-1/3 per cent of all contributions including contributions not included in this table.
- 4/ United States contribution limited to 70 per cent of total, therefore actual total \$67,086,830.
