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 OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (A/6717)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraphs 8
 and 9 of General Assembly resolution 2252 (ES-V)

1. At its 1548th plenary meeting, on 4 July 1967, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2252 (ES-V) on humanitarian assistance with a view to alleviating "the suffering inflicted on civilians and on prisoners of war as a result of the recent hostilities in the Middle East". The implementation of paragraph 10 of that resolution has been covered by a report of the Secretary-General dated 18 August 1967 (A/6787 and Corr.1). The present report deals with the implementation of operative paragraphs 8 and 9 of the resolution in which the General Assembly called upon all the Member States concerned to facilitate the transport of supplies to all areas in which assistance was being rendered and appealed to all Governments, as well as organizations and individuals, to make special contributions for the above purposes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as well as to the other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.
2. By a note of 10 July, the Secretary-General drew the attention of all Member States to operative paragraphs 8 and 9 of the resolution. Also on 10 July, the Secretary-General addressed a note to non-member States which are members of specialized agencies, calling their attention to operative paragraph 9. In both notes the Secretary-General requested the Governments to inform him of the measures taken by them in the light of the above-mentioned resolution.
3. As at 6 September, replies have been received from twenty-four Governments. The substance of these replies is reproduced below.

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A. Member States

AUSTRIA

Original: English
13 July 1967

The Austrian Government has contributed 1 million Austrian shillings in two equal parts to UNRWA and the International Committee of the Red Cross with a view to alleviating the humanitarian needs in the Middle East.

Medical supplies, dressings and blankets totalling 100,000 Austrian shillings, have been provided for the Crescent of Syria and the Crescent of Jordan by the Austrian Red Cross.

Additional emergency supplies of the Austrian Red Cross will follow.

BELGIUM

Original: French
31 August 1967

The Belgian Government has made available to the United Nations, for urgent humanitarian missions, two transport aircraft and some helicopters. The two aircraft are C-119 models which can carry cargoes of up to 5 and 1/2 tons and have a range of approximately 1500 km. The helicopters are "Alouette" models, can transport four persons and have a range of nearly 300 km.

These aircraft have transported to Amman the emergency relief supplies donated by Belgium, namely, a shipment of 8,000 blankets, some 60 tents, a ton of medical supplies, and foodstuffs, which was handed over to the local representatives of UNRWA and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Belgian Government's contribution was supplemented by a donation from Caritas Catholica and the Entr'aide socialiste consisting of seven tons of sugar and four tons of powdered milk. Two Belgian military aircraft transported these supplies to Cairo to assist the Egyptian war victims. The cargo was received by the Egyptian Red Crescent and by the Minister of Social Affairs of the United Arab Republic.

BULGARIA

Original: English
25 August 1967

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has taken measures to render assistance to the Arab countries, within the limits of its possibilities, in order to help curing the wounds inflicted on them by the Israeli aggression.

To this end, Bulgaria is delivering to the United Arab Republic, Syria and Jordan a hospital with fifty beds for each country, respectively. The hospitals will be served by Bulgarian doctors, nurses, assistant medical personnel and will have the necessary equipment and medicines - all amounting to 258,000 leva. In addition, the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has decided to send to the peoples of the United Arab Republic, Syria and Jordan food, clothes and other material and equipment to a total value of more than \$4.5 million dollars.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria will continue to help the Arab countries - victims of the Israeli aggression - with which it maintains traditional friendly relations.

Furthermore, according to the principles of international law and the provisions of the United Nations Charter, the aggressor is the only one who must bear the consequences of its aggression: to withdraw its forces, to restore the damages, suffered by the refugees and other victims of the aggression.

CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

Original: French
31 August 1967

The Congolese Government has decided (see A/6739) to contribute a sum equivalent to \$US20,000 to assist the Palestine refugees.

This contribution was decided upon following the appeal made by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General.

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DENMARK

[Original: English]
14 July 1967

The Danish Government has made an amount of 2 million Danish kroner (about \$290,000) available for special contributions to UNRWA and to other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

The above-mentioned amount of 2 million Danish kroner has been allocated as follows:

	<u>Danish kroner</u>	<u>\$US</u>
UNRWA	1,500,000	(about \$216,750)
International Red Cross	300,000	(about 43,350)
Folkekirkens Nødhjælp (Danish non-governmental aid organization)	100,000	(about 14,450)
Not yet allocated	100,000	(about 14,450)

FINLAND

[Original: English]
28 July 1967

In addition to the special contribution of \$50,000 granted by the Government of Finland to UNRWA mentioned in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Finland of 28 June 1967, the Finnish Red Cross has sent medical supplies as well as tents, blankets and bandaging materials representing a total value of 20,300 Fmk (approximately \$6,340). The gathering of contributions by the Red Cross continues. The Central Association of congregational work in Finland has remitted \$5,000 to the World Council of Churches to be used for the humanitarian needs in the Middle East and is prepared to give a further contribution of the same amount in kind. A private collection of "Humanitarian aid for Israel" has brought 8,800 Fmk (\$2,700).

FRANCE

[Original: French]
4 August 1967

Realizing that the victims of the recent conflict in the Middle East must be given speedy relief, the French Government, as early as 20 June, provided the International Committee of the Red Cross with an aircraft to transport medical teams, the wounded, and emergency relief supplies. At the same time, it made available to that organization 1 million francs to help it meet the exigencies of the situation.

Moreover, as the Secretary-General was informed by letter No. 175 dated 7 July 1967 (A/6755) the French Government made an exceptional contribution of 5 million francs to UNRWA for the same purpose.

ICELAND

[Original: English]
13 July 1967

The Government of the Republic of Iceland, conscious of the plight of the Arab refugees as a result of the Middle East conflict, has decided to pledge a contribution of \$US12,000 to UNRWA.

In making this contribution, the Government of Iceland wishes to express its deep humanitarian concern for the civilian victims of the recent hostilities in the Middle East.

IRAQ

[Original: English]
10 August 1967

The Government of Iraq has facilitated the transport of supplies from Kuwait and Iran for the Palestine refugees. It has also decided to pay its contribution of \$100,000 for this year to UNRWA. Furthermore, the Government of Iraq and the Iraqi Red Crescent Society have sent to the refugees miscellaneous supplies of food, medicine, blankets and tents representing a total value of \$500,000.

IRELAND

[Original: English]
15 August 1967

The Government of Ireland proposes to make special contributions amounting to \$50,000 for emergency aid for refugees, \$40,000 of which will be sent to UNRWA and \$10,000 to UNICEF. These contributions are additional to regular contributions of the Government of Ireland for 1967 of \$25,000 to UNRWA and \$15,000 to UNICEF. Besides, the Irish Red Cross Society has made a contribution of \$14,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross for the relief of refugees in the Middle East and in addition the Society has transmitted approximately \$335 of voluntary personal contributions to the League of Red Cross Societies for Jordanian refugees.

ITALY

[Original: English]
5 September 1967

Since 7 June the Italian Government, as a first immediate measure, has put at the disposal of the Italian Embassies in Cairo, Amman, Tel Aviv, Damascus and in other capitals of the countries involved in the Middle Eastern conflict the amount of 200 million liras to be used for emergency assistance to the people of the Middle East and a first aid of medical supplies, proteins and powder milk was sent to Cairo and to Amman with an aircraft of the Italian Air Force.

Furthermore, the ships "Brennero" and "Esperia" have arrived in Beirut during the first days of July with a cargo of medical supplies, foodstuff, blankets, milk, etc., which the Italian Embassy in Beirut has assigned through the competent local authorities.

The Italian Government is also studying the possibility to offer an additional contribution to UNRWA.

LAOS

[Original: French]
14 August 1967

The Royal Laotian Government is now faced with the same difficulties and deeply regrets that it cannot respond affirmatively to the appeal made on behalf of the Palestine refugees.

MALTA

[Original: English]
13 July 1967

The Government of Malta has decided to make a special emergency contribution of \$5,000 to UNRWA.

NETHERLANDS

[Original: English]
3 August 1967

The Netherlands Government has made available goods representing a value of \$100,000 for the relief of the suffering in the Middle East. These goods, for which the Netherlands Government provided for transport, have been put at the disposal of the Government of Jordan and of the Red Crescent organizations in the countries concerned.

POLAND

[Reply, dated 25 July 1967, already circulated under the symbol A/6776]

SOMALIA

[Original: English]
10 August 1967

In so far as operative paragraph 8 of the resolution is concerned, the United Nations can depend upon the co-operation of the Somali Republic in facilitating the transport of supplies to all areas in which assistance is being rendered to the Arab victims of Israel aggression.

However, the appeal for special contributions, made in operative paragraph 9 of the resolution, presents particular difficulties for the Somali Republic. While the imperative need for contributions to meet the distressing circumstances caused by the aggression is recognized by the Somali Government, the Somali Republic is itself experiencing a severe financial and economic crisis caused by a combination of factors, notably the closure of the Suez Canal and the influx of large numbers of refugees into the Somali Republic from neighbouring territories such as French Somaliland and the Northern Frontier District. For those reasons, it is deeply regretted that the Somali Government is not in a position to make a contribution at this stage.

SPAIN

[Original: Spanish]
15 August 1967

Realizing the urgent need to relieve the sufferings of the Middle East war victims and in compliance with resolution 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967, the Spanish Government has so far made the following contributions:

1. To UNRWA foodstuffs valued at \$122,500. A new shipment of 500 tons of potatoes to that organization is under way.
2. To the Government of Jordan 680 kilogrammes of medical supplies - mainly di-hydro-streptomycin and penicillin.
3. To the Government of Syria 3,000 kilogrammes of medical supplies for those wounded by napalm.

TURKEY

[Original: English]
4 August 1967

The Turkish Government, deeply grieved by the great loss of life, the displacement of thousands of people and the considerable material damage caused by the recent conflict in the Middle East and inspired by the same spirit which later motivated the adoption of the aforementioned resolution, had already initiated appropriate action, soon after the cease-fire was achieved, to render immediate assistance to the countries whose people had suffered from the tragedy of war. This initial relief assistance effected through the Turkish Red Crescent was distributed as follows:

To Jordan:

2,100 blankets, 500 pairs of shoes, 15 tons of sugar, 10 tons of macaroni and 100 kilogrammes of cigarettes.

To Syria:

500 blankets, 2 tons of sugar and 100 kilogrammes of cigarettes.

To the United Arab Republic:

500 blankets, 20 tons of sugar and 100 kilogrammes of cigarettes.

Further assistance in medicine, plasma and medical equipment has been given to these countries by the Turkish Red Crescent. In spite of the dire need in which Turkey itself stands for tents because of the recent earthquakes, the Turkish Government will shortly send 150 tents to Jordan and 100 tents to Syria.

While the Turkish Government is now faced with the emergency brought about by successive waves of disastrous earthquakes which struck Turkey within the last fortnight the possibility of extending further assistance to the countries in question is being closely and attentively examined.

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

[Reply, dated 24 July 1967, already circulated under the symbol A/6772]

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

[Original: English]
7 August 1967

As regards facilitating the transport of supplies to all areas in which assistance is being rendered (operative paragraph 8 of resolution 2252 (ES-V)), Her Majesty's Government arranged with the International Red Cross for the latter to transport by air from Cyprus to Amman blankets and medical supplies made available from United Kingdom Government stocks.

Operative paragraph 9 of the resolution appealed to all Governments to make special contributions to UNRWA. As the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom informed the Secretary-General in his letter No. 1072/1192 of 19 June 1967, Her Majesty's Government has made an emergency contribution of \$500,000 to the agency in addition to the \$4.5 million already pledged for 1966-1967.

Her Majesty's Government has also given £500,000 to the Government of Jordan for urgent rehabilitation and reconstruction work in Jordan. This grant, and the gift of emergency supplies from stocks in Cyprus referred to above, constitute direct contributions to assistance for the area which Her Majesty's Government hopes will lessen the burden on the funds of UNRWA.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

[Original: English]
23 August 1967

The United States Government responded immediately to the basic needs of the persons displaced by the recent conflict by airlifting an initial 5,000 tents to Jordan to provide temporary shelter for the homeless. In addition, the United States has airlifted to Jordan 5,000 more tents and offered blankets, household utensils and stoves to help relieve the hardships in the area. The offer of blankets and household utensils has not yet been accepted and these items have not yet been furnished. The total cost of the tents and other items and their transport to Jordan by air is estimated at approximately \$1,675,000.

It will be recalled that the United States pledged for the support of UNRWA a contribution of \$22.2 million for the year ended 30 June 1967. The pledge included

\$13.3 million in cash and \$8.9 million in foodstuffs. At the time of the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, the last shipments of these foodstuffs were on the high seas en route to the Middle East. In some cases vessels were forced to discharge their cargo in Mediterranean ports because of the inaccessibility of Middle East ports. The United States Government arranged for the onward transportation of these cargoes destined for use by UNRWA and bore the extra costs of storage-in-transit and trans-shipment.

As the representative informed the Secretary-General in his letter of 29 June 1967, the United States made a special contribution of \$2 million in cash to UNRWA to help meet the emergency needs of victims of the conflict. Subsequently, the United States informed the Commissioner-General of UNRWA that it would provide 24,000 metric tons of wheat flour and 1,2000 tons of vegetable oils for use in UNRWA's relief services during the next several months. The world market value of these commodities, including transportation to Middle Eastern ports, amounts to approximately \$4,284,000. The United States Government expects shortly to make a second allocation of commodities to UNRWA of about the same magnitude.

In late June, the United States Government transmitted \$100,000 to the American Red Cross for contribution to the International Committee of the Red Cross for the latter organization's activities on behalf of the victims of the recent hostilities.

The United States Government also provided funds estimated at \$40,000 for the shipment, by air, to the Middle East of medical supplies (antibiotics and vitamins) donated by the American Red Cross to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The United States Government is also continuing to donate, at rates prevailing prior to the outbreak of hostilities, foodstuffs to American voluntary agencies for their programmes of assistance to needy persons in the Gaza Strip and on the west bank of the Jordan. The value of such commodities at world market prices, exclusive of transportation cost, is approximately \$1,779,000 annually.

The United States is keeping the emergency needs of those persons affected by the recent hostilities under constant review and will co-operate fully with inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations now at work in the area as well as with the Governments directly concerned.

B. Non-member States

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

[Original: English]
21 July 1967

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, deeply concerned about the sufferings of the population of the areas in the Middle East affected by the war, is prepared to render every humanitarian help possible to the population concerned, in particular to the refugees in need of urgent help. The first German shipments of foodstuffs, medicine and clothing have already arrived in the area and further shipments are under way.

A preliminary survey of the contributions by the Federal Republic of Germany as of now shows that the funds made available by the German Government amount to 6 million German marks and that, in addition, churches, the German Red Cross, private organizations and business firms, according to still incomplete information, have contributed more than 7 million marks.

The appropriation of an emergency fund in the amount of 5 million marks to be turned over to the German Red Cross for humanitarian assistance was approved by the Federal Parliament on 14 June 1967. In addition, the Federal Ministry of Economic Co-operation dispatched three charter aircraft to Amman, each carrying thirty-five tons of high-quality foodstuffs. Another shipment of 150 tons of food supplies is currently being sent to Jordan. The total costs of this operation amount to approximately 1 million marks.

As to the numerous donations of churches, the German Red Cross, private organizations and business firms, the following figures - still incomplete - have been communicated:

Deaconal Organization of the Protestant Church in Germany (Diakonisches Werk der evangelischen Kirche Deutschlands)	1,700,000 marks
Charity (Caritas)	500,000 marks
German Red Cross approximately	1,200,000 marks
Private organizations and business firms approximately	3,500,000 marks

The Ecumenical Council of the Evangelical Churches has sent an appeal to its 223 member churches to collect a target amount of 8 million marks for assistance to the Middle East.

HOLY SEE

[Original: English]
12 July 1967

The Holy See is actively contributing to the relief of the Palestine refugees through the Catholic voluntary agencies "Caritas Internationalis" and the "Pontifical Commission of Palestine".

In response to the most recent conflict in the Middle East, a new Pontifical commission was established in Palestine, the "Caritas Jerusalem", the purpose of which is to distribute all the aid sent by the above-mentioned agencies.

Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities, four planes were hired by the Holy See to bring relief foodstuffs and medicine to Palestine, via Beirut and Amman.

Beside this direct assistance, the Holy See has contributed to UNRWA, through its European office, the sum of \$US10,000.

REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

[Original: English]
25 August 1967

Though the country is in the midst of a war, and has to face many difficulties, the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam has decided to make a contribution of \$US3,000 to UNRWA as a token of the deep sympathy of the Government and the people of the Republic of Viet-Nam for the sufferings of the Palestine refugees.