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Note by the Secretary-General: At the request of the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate herewith to the Members of the General Assembly the attached letter from the Chairman of the Negotiating Committee on Contributions to Programmes of Relief and Rehabilitation, together with the accompanying report.

Letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly
by the Chairman of the Negotiating Committee

New York, 25 January 1951

I am charged by the Negotiating Committee, which you appointed under the General Assembly resolutions of 1 and 2 December 1950, to transmit the enclosed report on its work.

The Committee has continued the negotiations which were begun under the Chairmanship of His Highness the Maharaja Jam Saheb of Nawanagar before he had to return to India. The Committee has held numerous consultations with representatives of Member States and considers that it has now gone as far as it can with this phase of its task. The next step lies with Governments.

(Signed) G.T. CORLEY SMITH
Chairman,
Negotiating Committee on Contributions to
Programmes of Relief and Rehabilitation

REPORT OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROGRAMMES
OF RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

(as adopted by the Committee on 22 January 1951)

1. Under the General Assembly resolutions of 1 December (A/1595) and 2 December 1950 (A/1603), a Negotiating Committee was established for the purpose of consulting with Member and non-member States as to the amounts which Governments might be willing to contribute towards the financing of the programmes for the relief and rehabilitation of Korea and the relief and reintegration of Palestine refugees.
2. The Negotiating Committee has been in constant consultation with delegations regarding contributions by their Governments towards the financing of these two programmes. The Committee has held fourteen meetings and has invited representatives of all Member States to consult with it. Representatives of fifty-one Member States have attended on one or more occasions. Non-member States have been approached by members of the Committee directly or through diplomatic channels. All offers so far made are set forth in the two annexes attached hereto, Annex I being concerned with the Korean programme and Annex II with that for Palestine refugees.
3. It has been clearly understood that all offers made or to be made by Governments for both programmes would be subject to their constitutional processes.
4. The Committee has noted with gratitude the assistance rendered to both programmes by the specialized agencies, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and voluntary organizations. This assistance has been acknowledged elsewhere and has not been included in the annexes to the present report.

Programme of Relief and Rehabilitation of Korea

5. It will be noted in Annex I that thirty-six Member States and one non-member State have made or promised contributions towards the relief of the civil population of Korea, either under the Security Council resolutions on Korea* or the resolution of the General Assembly of 1 December 1950. As responses to these two appeals have overlapped in time, it has been found necessary to list them together. In reading the list, Governments cannot fail to be impressed by the

* S/1511, S/1588 and S/1657.

many examples of conspicuous generosity on the part of certain small as well as large countries. At the same time, the Committee must point out that Governments of certain Members have so far made offers which are only very modest in proportion to their wealth and resources, and that others have made no offers at all.

6. Certain Governments have indicated that because of the size of their military contributions they were not at present in a position to assist the civilian relief programme.

7. A number of Governments not yet included in the list have indicated to the Committee, through their representatives, that they expect shortly to be able to announce their contributions to Korean relief. Other Governments which have felt unable to make immediate commitments have expressed the hope that they would be able to make contributions in kind in answer to specific requests.

8. The Committee hopes that all Member States will be included in the list of donors, both as a manifestation of United Nations solidarity and because of the urgency of the need in Korea.

9. This urgency has, in fact, increased while the Committee has been sitting. In particular, the Committee has been informed that there are now millions of refugees in Korea who are in desperate need of food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies. It is forced to recognize that widespread human suffering and major loss of life from exposure, starvation and disease cannot be averted unless Governments press forward their efforts with all speed.

10. The Committee has noted that, under paragraph 14 of its resolution of 1 December 1950, the General Assembly called upon all Governments, pending the beginning of relief operations by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, to continue to furnish through the Secretary-General such assistance for the Korean people as might be requested by the Unified Command. The plight of the refugees cannot await the complete functioning of the Agency. The Committee therefore expresses the hope that Governments will respond immediately to requests for assistance by the Unified Command. If Governments so desire, such interim contributions will be considered as a part of the contributions which they are offering to the fund established under the General Assembly resolution.

Programme of Relief and Reintegration of Palestine Refugees

11. The Negotiating Committee has been thoroughly disappointed by the response to the appeal for the relief and reintegration of Palestine refugees. The figures are shown in Annex II. Only fourteen Governments have made offers so far. Moreover, the two largest potential contributions, amounting to thirty-three million dollars out of the approximate total of thirty-four million dollars offered, are conditional upon adequate contributions being made by a sufficient number of other Governments. Even without this qualification, the programme voted by the General Assembly cannot be carried out with the inadequate amount so far offered.

12. It will be recalled that the Committee has been trying to raise fifty million dollars for the relief and reintegration programme for the period July 1951 to June 1952. In addition, it has endeavoured to raise immediately a further five million dollars from those Governments which have not yet contributed to the programme for the current period ending June 1951, in order to meet emergency needs in food and clothing. No contributions have so far been made specifically to the five million dollar programme. Furthermore, the contributions to the new fifty million dollar programme have largely been offered by those same Governments which have carried the burden in the past.

13. While offers of help have fallen far below expectations, the need for funds to meet the emergency has sharply increased. The drought in the Near East now makes it impossible to obtain the expected local supplies of foodstuffs, and it has become necessary to make forward purchases on the international market at a time when prices are rising steeply. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency is now faced with the situation where, if it is to prevent widespread hunger and disease, it must abandon much of the constructive side of the General Assembly's programme.

14. The Committee has assumed that, although the General Assembly adopted a plan of voluntary contributions for this programme, it expected wide participation. Member States will readily understand that it will not be possible to carry out the programme for which they voted in the General Assembly unless the Member States themselves make the necessary material contributions.

Recommendation

15. With the drafting of the present report, the Negotiating Committee considers that it has completed the present stage of its task. It trusts that Governments will give due consideration to its conclusions regarding the necessity both for universality of participation and speed in coming to the support of the two programmes, both of which must now be considered as acute emergency operations.

16. In view of the various considerations outlined above, and in particular of the urgency of obtaining additional funds for both programmes, the Negotiating Committee recommends the following as the next step.

17. The Secretary-General should request all Governments to place written statements regarding their contributions to both funds in his hands not later than 20 February 1951, so that the results of both appeals may be made public as soon as possible thereafter.

(a) Where representatives have made offers before the Committee, the Secretary-General should request their Governments formally to confirm and if possible to increase these offers by the above date.

(b) Where Governments have not yet made offers to both funds, the Secretary-General should request them to communicate to him the amounts of their proposed contributions not later than the above date.

ANNEX I

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE OR PROVISIONALLY OFFERED TOWARDS THE RELIEF OF THE CIVIL
POPULATION OF KOREA, UNDER THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA
OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF 1 DECEMBER 1950

The following should be noted:

1. This list does not include offers of military aid or related items, such as military hospitals and strategic materials.
2. This list does not include the large amount of civilian relief and rehabilitation assistance supplied by the United States Government through the Unified Command, estimated to be approximately eighty-five million dollars.
3. All offers are shown in dollar (US) equivalents, although most of them have been made in the currency of the contributing Government or in kind.
4. The indication "maximum" signifies that the full offers are conditional on the target figure of 250 million dollars being reached or are otherwise dependent on the contributions of other Governments.
5. The indication "minimum" signifies that the offers do not necessarily represent the entire contributions which may be forthcoming.
6. In those cases where contributions in kind, made or promised under the Security Council resolutions on Korea, are marked by an asterisk, the valuation in dollars should be considered as tentative.

Offers to the Negotiating Committee under
the General Assembly resolution of
1 December 1950

Offers to the Secretary-General
under the Security Council
resolutions on Korea

Member States

Australia	4,229,000 (maximum)	146,000
Belgium	-	50,000*
Brazil	-	2,700,000
Canada	7,500,000 (maximum)	-
China	-	615,000
Cuba	-	259,000*
Denmark	-	238,000
Ecuador	-	63,000*
Egypt	28,000	-
Ethiopia	-	41,000
France	-	109,000*
Greece	-	385,000*
Guatemala	"Several thousand tons of timber"	-
Iceland	-	45,000
India	-	172,000*
Indonesia	100,000 (minimum)	-
Israel	-	63,000
Lebanon	-	50,000
Liberia	-	10,000
Mexico	-	350,000
Netherlands	260,000	-
New Zealand	-	131,000*
Nicaragua	-	24,000*
Norway	800,000 (minimum)	-
Pakistan	-	380,000
Paraguay	-	10,000
Peru	-	65,000
Philippines	-	3,734,300
Saudi Arabia	10,000	-
Sweden	1,000,000	-
Syria	12,000	-
Thailand	-	4,368,000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	28,000,000 (maximum)	608,000
United States of America	162,500,000 (maximum)	-
Uruguay	-	2,140,000
Venezuela	70,000	100,000

Non-member State

Italy	-	200 bed hospital and necessary personnel
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ANNEX II

CONTRIBUTIONS PROVISIONALLY OFFERED TOWARDS THE FINANCING OF THE
PROGRAMME FOR THE RELIEF AND REINTEGRATION OF PALESTINE REFUGEES

The following should be noted:

1. All offers are shown in dollar (US) equivalents, although most of them have been made in the currency of the contributing Government or in kind.
2. The indication "maximum" signifies that the full offers are conditional on the total amount of the programme being raised or are otherwise dependent on the contributions of other Governments.
3. The indication "minimum" signifies that the offer does not necessarily represent the entire contribution which will be forthcoming.
4. The indication "pending" signifies that a proposal was made with conditions raising questions beyond the competence of the Committee. This proposal was referred to the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

Member States

Denmark	40,000
Egypt	390,000
Greece	50,000
Indonesia	30,000
Israel	pending
Lebanon	33,000 (minimum)
Mexico	110,000
Norway	14,000
Saudi Arabia	115,000
Sweden	20,000
Syria	60,000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8,000,000 (maximum)
United States of America	25,000,000 (maximum)
Venezuela	20,000
