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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR 1965

Memorandum by the Director General

1. In line with the indications regarding the procedure for obtaining pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1965 which the Director General has given in the annotation to item 20 of the provisional agenda^{1/}, he sent a circular letter to all Governments on 24 June last stating that he would be grateful to be informed as soon as possible of the contributions to the General Fund for next year which each Member would be prepared to make.

2. By 6 p.m. on 14 September the following pledges of such contributions had been communicated to him:

Member State	Contribution pledged (expressed in United States dollars)
Canada	57 400 ^{a/}
Denmark	10 600 ^{a/}
Finland	6 800 ^{a/}
Germany, Federal Republic of	104 800 ^{a/}
Greece	4 200 ^{a/}
Korea, Republic of	3 000
Netherlands	18 600 ^{a/}
Pakistan	6 000 ^{b/}
South Africa	9 800 ^{a/b/}
Viet-Nam	2 449 ^{b/c/}
TOTAL	223 649

^{a/} Pledge based on a percentage equal to or higher than the Member's assessment under the Regular Budget.

^{b/} Amount pledged in local currency.

^{c/} Equivalent to 180 000 Viet-Namese piasters at United Nations rates as applied by the Technical Assistance Board.

^{1/} GC(VIII)/268.

3. From the annotation cited in paragraph 1 above, delegations will note that it is foreseen that the Conference will take the matter of voluntary contributions to the General Fund in a plenary meeting. At that meeting the President would announce the names of all Members that had made pledges in advance and inform the Conference of the sum thus pledged. In order to expedite matters, the Director General therefore greatly hopes that delegates will find it possible to make their Governments' pledges known before the Conference takes up this item of its agenda.

4. With this in view it is planned to incorporate a list of such further pledges in a revision of the present memorandum. The delegates of Members that have not yet pledged a contribution to the General Fund for 1965 are accordingly invited to communicate their Governments' pledges as soon as possible to the Conference Secretary (Room 407 or 408 in the Hofburg).