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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR 1966

Memorandum by the Director General

1. Following the procedure which was introduced last year for obtaining pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund^{1/}, the Director General sent a circular letter to Governments on 30 June in which he asked to be informed as soon as possible of the contribution to the General Fund which each Member would be prepared to make for 1966.

2. By 17 September the following contributions had been pledged:

Member	Pledge (expressed in United States dollars)
Austria	9 600 ^{a/}
Ceylon	2 100 ^{a/b/}
Germany, Federal Republic of	120 000
New Zealand	5 000
Norway	8 000 ^{a/}
Pakistan	6 000 ^{b/}
South Africa	9 400 ^{a/}
Switzerland	15 800 ^{a/}
Yugoslavia	6 400 ^{a/b/}
Viet Nam	1 400 ^{a/b/}

a/ This amount equals or exceeds a percentage of the proposed target of US \$2 million for voluntary contributions which is equal to the Member's expected percentage assessment under the Regular Budget for next year.

b/ Pledged in local currency.

1/ See document GC(VIII)/262, annotation to item 20.

3. It is foreseen that the Conference will take the matter of voluntary contributions to the General Fund in a plenary meeting at which the President will announce the names of all Members that have made pledges of contributions 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 1966 are accordingly invited to communicate their Governments' pledges as soon as possible to the Conference Secretary (Room 553 or 555 in the Tokyo Prince Hotel).