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CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has been requested by the Chairman of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund to inform the Council that the session of the Executive Board originally scheduled for 23 February 1950 will be held on 6 March 1950, and that the report of the forthcoming session of the Executive Board will consequently not be available for the tenth session of the Council.
2. The previous session of the Executive Board was held in November 1949, and its report is contained in document E/ICEF/136. At the November session the Executive Board approved allocations totaling 13.3 million dollars for programmes in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, bringing to fifty-three the number of countries receiving assistance from UNICEF.
3. At the November session the Executive Board also made "in the light of the action taken by the Executive Board of WHO, the necessary adjustments in the arrangements for the establishment and the administration" of the International Children's Centre in Paris, as recommended by the Council at its ninth session in resolution 257 (IX) (see E/ICEF/136, paragraphs 75 to 84). In this connexion the Executive Board made an initial allocation of one million dollars. Agreements regarding the setting up of the Centre, as envisaged by the Board at its November session, were subsequently concluded with the French Government and with WHO.
4. At the close of the November session of the Executive Board, the unallocated resources of the Fund stood at 400,000 dollars. Since that time the unallocated resources have increased to 4,160,000 dollars, mainly as a result of new contributions and pledges made by ten Governments. Current allocation proposals to be placed before the session of the Board scheduled for 6 March total approximately 3,650,000 dollars.

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5. A general report of the Executive Director, dated 27 January, which analyzes the financial position of the Fund and summarizes recent programme developments, is contained in document E/ICEF/L.3.
6. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Council to General Assembly resolution 318 (IV) adopted by the General Assembly at its fourth session, which recognized "the important role which the Fund has been playing in the structure of the United Nations," and which noted with approval "the decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund to devote henceforth a greater share of the Fund's resources to the development of programmes outside Europe". The Assembly further drew the attention of Members to the urgent necessity for further contributions to the Fund and noted with concern "the existence of children's emergency needs arising out of war and other calamities as well as the great needs which the Fund's experience has demonstrated as existing in under-developed countries".
7. At its fifth session the Social Commission, in considering the question of the continuing needs of children, requested the Secretary-General, taking into account the views of the interested specialized agencies and UNICEF, to prepare for the sixth session of the Commission a report on "the organizational arrangements by which essential international long-range activities for children can be reached by the United Nations and other appropriate inter-governmental organizations" (E/1568, paragraph 69).
