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Addendum

The following appeal for voluntary contributions to support the programme of emergency United Nations humanitarian assistance for Cyprus was cabled by the Secretary-General on 6 September 1974 to the Foreign Ministers of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies:

"The world has followed with serious concern the tragic events which have affected Cyprus. One of the saddest consequences of the recent hostilities is the plight of nearly one third of the island's population rendered homeless and living under conditions of duress and extreme hardship.

During my recent visit to Cyprus, I was myself able to witness the extent of disruption and the resulting suffering of the innocent victims. I also observed the excellent effort already being made, both bilaterally and multilaterally, through the existing structure of the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

On 20 August 1974, after consultation with all the parties concerned, I designated the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadruddin Aga Khan, as the United Nations co-ordinator of humanitarian assistance for Cyprus. After an initial assessment of immediate requirements made by him and his team in Cyprus, he approached Governments on 30 August for contributions in cash and kind needed during the coming weeks. I transmitted the High Commissioner's report on this subject to the Security Council on 4 September 1974 (S/11488).

Meanwhile it has been possible, in coordination with the authorities in Cyprus, to identify and cost the needs on a short-term basis. It is estimated that until the end of this year some \$US 22 million will be required from the international community.

Many uncertainties are inherent in the circumstances, and the full extent of the assistance needed from the international community will depend greatly on the evolution of the situation in Cyprus.

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The support of the various programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations is available to the High Commissioner, and a satisfactory mechanism of coordination exists both in Nicosia and Geneva to ensure the maximum effectiveness of the humanitarian effort, both bilateral and multilateral.

I earnestly appeal to the international community - to all Governments, non-governmental organizations and all men of goodwill - to extend to the United Nations coordinator the necessary resources and financial means to carry out this humanitarian task.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General"