

General Conference

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MEASURES TO OBTAIN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND
INCLUDING THE CALLING OF A PLEDGING CONFERENCE

Report of the Special Committee on Pledges of
Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund

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1. At its twenty-first plenary meeting on 26 September 1958, the General Conference established and convened, under the chairmanship of the President of the Conference, a special committee of the whole Conference, at which pledges of voluntary financial contributions to the General Fund to meet the expenses of the operational part of the Agency's budget for 1959 would be announced.^{1/}
2. The Committee completed its work in one meeting on 3 October 1958.
3. Mr. Fernando (Ceylon) was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the Committee.
4. The Committee heard a statement from the Director General concerning the importance of its work in view of the dependence at this time of the Agency's own fellowship and technical assistance activities and laboratory services on voluntary contributions by Member States.
5. The following Member States announced that they would make the voluntary financial contributions specified in the second column below to the General Fund. In a number of instances it was indicated that the pledges were subject to the approval of the legislative authorities of the Member States concerned. In order to ensure that these and other reservations are fully recorded, the Committee decided that a verbatim record of its proceedings should be kept.

^{1/} GC(II)/RES/18.

Member State	Contribution pledged	Approximate equivalent in US \$ at UNTAB rates
Argentina	£ Stg. 2,000	5,600
Belgium	\$ US 10,000	10,000
Brazil	\$ US 15,000	15,000
Canada	\$ US 50,000 ^{a/}	50,000 ^{a/}
China (Republic of)	\$ US 5,000	5,000
Czechoslovakia	Crowns 100,000	13,888
Denmark	\$ US 9,150	9,150
France	Frs. 14,700,000	35,000
Germany (Federal Republic of)	\$ US 20,000	20,000
Israel	£ Isr. 2,000	1,111
Italy	\$ US 5,000	5,000
Japan	\$ US 20,000 ^{b/} (Approx.)	20,000 ^{b/} (Approx.)
Mexico	25,000 pesos	2,000
Norway	Kroner 50,000	7,000
Pakistan	\$ US 8,000	8,000
Portugal	\$ US 3,500	3,500
United Arab Republic	£ Egyptian 3,000	6,810
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	£ Stg. 44,637.5	125,000
United States of America	\$ US 500,000 ^{c/}	500,000 ^{c/}

- ^{a/} It was indicated that the contribution of Canada might be increased by a further amount of \$ 25,000; such increase being dependent upon the total amount of contributions pledged by other Members.
- ^{b/} The exact amount of the contribution will depend on a variety of factors, including the total amount of contributions to the General Fund in 1959.
- ^{c/} In addition, the United States will contribute the \$ US equivalent of all other contributions to the General Fund in 1959 in excess of \$ 500,000, until a total of \$ 1,500,000 is reached.

6. The Committee also took note of the fact that the following Member States were not in a position to announce contributions during the meeting of the Committee, but that they contemplated submitting statements of the amounts of their contributions after the end of the second regular session of the General Conference.

Austria
Indonesia
Morocco
Poland
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Union of South Africa
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
