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Executive Board

Report on Communications with Government of Albania

The Programme Committee has requested that a report be presented to the Executive Board on the communications with the Albanian Government regarding the suspended allocation to Albania (E/ICEF/R.20, paragraphs 37 and 38). Action with regard to this programme was taken at the session of the Board ending 5 November 1949 (E/ICEF/136, paragraphs 16 and 17).

Attached herewith are copies of the subsequent correspondence between the Administration and the Government of Albania.

- (1) Letter of Executive Director, dated 7 November 1949, to Mr. E. Shtylla, Minister Plenipotentiary, Legation of People's Republic of Albania in France (Annex I).
- (2) Cable of Executive Director, dated 8 November 1949, to Minister of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of Albania (Annex II).
- (3) Letter of Director, European Headquarters UNICEF, dated 9 December 1949, to Mr. Uli, Charge d'Affaires, Legation of Albania, Paris (Annex III).
- (4) Letter of Mr. M. Prefti, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of Albania, dated 26 January 1950, to Executive Director. (Annex IV).

(7.P.)

New York, 7 November 1949 *

Mr. Behar Shtylla,
Minister Plenipotentiary
Legation of the Peoples Republic of Albania
in France
c/o Hotel Governor Clinton
New York City

Mr. Minister:

I am happy to acknowledge receipt of the telegram of Mr. Uli, your Charge d'Affaires, dated 31 October, informing me that the Albanian Government is ready to receive Mr. Chmielewski, whose candidature as Chief of Mission I had proposed to you.

I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund at its meeting on 4 November, 1949, examined the programme of the International Children's Emergency Fund in Albania and has decided as follows:

"The Executive Board authorizes a new start in the programme by shipping in two months supplies concurrently with the arrival of a Mission Chief and secretary on the prior understanding that there would be a visit and report on the development of the programme by a representative of the Fund from UNICEF Headquarters or European Headquarters within six weeks after the arrival of supplies."

I beg to assure you that the Administration for its part will make every effort to facilitate the completion of the plan of operations provided in the Agreement previously reached between the Albanian Government and the Fund.

I would be obliged if you could let me have the reply of your Government so that the programme may be resumed in your country.

I would be happy if you could let me know whether you think it would be desirable that in addition I transmit this communication by cable directly to

* Translation from French.

Annex I (continued)

Tirana, and in that case would beg you for information to whom it should be addressed.

Thanking you in advance, I beg you to accept, Mr. Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Maurice Pate
Executive Director

ANNEX II
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NIGHT LETTER*

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
TIRANA

I AM HAPPY TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE TELEGRAM OF MR. ULI YOUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DATED 31 OCTOBER INFORMING ME THAT THE ALBAINAN GOVERNMENT IS READY TO RECEIVE CHMIELEWSKI WHOSE CANDIDATURE AS CHIEF OR MISSION I HAD PROPOSED TO YOU. I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND HAS EXAMINED ITS PROGRAMME FOR ALBANINA AND DECIDED AS FOLLOWS: "THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AUTHORIZES A NEW START IN THE PROGRAMME BY SHIPPING IN TWO MONTHS SUPPLIES CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A MISSION CHIEF AND SECRETARY ON THE PRIOR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE A VISIT AND REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAMME BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FUND FROM UNICEF HEADQUARTERS OR EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS WITHIN SIX WEEKS AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF SUPPLIES." I BEG TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS PART OF OPERATIONS PROVIDED FOR BY THE AGREEMENT PREVIOUSLY REACHED BETWEEN THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE FUND. I WOULD BE OBLIGED IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW THE REPLY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT SO THAT THE PROGRAMME MAY BE RESUMED IN YOUR COUNTRY. THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE I BEG YOU TO RECEIVE THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION

MAURICE PATE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

8 NOVEMBER 1949

*Translation from French

9 December 1949 *

I take the liberty of sending you herewith a copy of a letter addressed on 7 November last by our Executive Director, Mr. Maurice Pate, to Mr. Behar Shtylla, Minister Plenipotentiary, representing the People's Republic of Albania to the French Government, who at that time was in New York, thinking that the contents of this letter may be of interest to you.

As we have not yet had an answer to that letter, I can only stress the importance which it has to the Fund.

I take the further liberty of drawing your attention to the fact that the programme for Albania can be resumed only if the Albanian Government declares itself to be in principle agreeable to accepting the general conditions fixed by the Executive Board of the Fund for the resumption of the programme in favor of Albanian children and mothers.

Referring to the telegram which you were so kind as to send Mr. Pate on 31 October, I take the liberty of presenting to you by this present letter Mr. Chmielewski, a candidate for the position of Chief of Mission of UNICEF in Albania.

Mr. Chmielewski is to leave, accompanied by a secretary and I should be obliged to you, if Mademoiselle Fuchs is agreeable in this capacity to the Albanian Government, if you would be so kind as to give the necessary instruction to permit her to obtain a visa for admission to Albania.

Mademoiselle Maria, Margeritha, Fuchs, of Swiss nationality, was born in Switzerland 12 May 1910 at Einsiedeln (Canton de Schwyz). She is in possession of Swiss passport No. 1107 586/110 delivered in Warsaw on 25 March 1948, renewed in Paris, and valid until 18 March 1950.

She has worked for many years with the Swiss National Aid organization which after the war was called "Don Suisse", where she acquired considerable experience both in a practical and in the administrative field. She has been with the International Children's Emergency Fund for about a year, and is at present working in our medical division.

I might also add that Mr. Chmielewski is entirely satisfied with this choice and that he can personally recommend her.

In the hope of the favor of your early reply on this subject, I beg you to be assured of my highest consideration.

Alfred E. Davidson
Director, European Head-
quarters

UNICEF

* Translation from French

The Legation
of the People's Republic of Albania*

The Legation of the People's Republic of Albania presents its compliments to Mr. Maurice Pate, Executive Director of UNICEF, and, in accordance with instructions of the Albanian Government, has the honour to transmit herewith its reply to his communication of 7 November 1949.

Paris, 26 January, 1950.

Mr. Maurice Pate
Executive Director
United Nations International
Children's Emergency Fund,
United Nations Headquarters,
NEW YORK

* Translation from French

Legation
of the People's Republic
of Albania

Tirana, 24 January 1950.*

Mr. Maurice Pate
Executive Director
United Nations International
Children's Emergency Fund,
New York, N.Y.

Mr. Director:

In reply to your telegram, dated 8 November 1949, by which you informed me the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund concerning the resumption of shipments of aid to Albania, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

Under the terms of the Agreement of 20 November 1947, concluded between the Albanian Government and UNICEF, each of the parties undertook to respect the provisions of the Agreement. To this end the Albanian Government has acted in conformity with the Agreement and has scrupulously applied all of its articles, whereas UNICEF has repeatedly violated them; for example, of the supplies granted as aid for Albania for the year 1948 9.01% still remain to be shipped; whereas, for the year of 1949 only 74.15% of the supplies have been sent; shipments have been completely suspended simply because UNICEF acted on the groundless and calumnious allegations of its representatives in Albania and not on the correct information provided by the Albanian Government. Likewise, the obstinate attitude of UNICEF in wishing to send to Albania two further persons, contra illy to the existing Agreement between itself and the Albanian Government, as well as contrarily to your letter dated 29 November 1947 by which you state that you consider sending a single representative sufficient, is a sign of lack of confidence and discrimination on the part of UNICEF has against the Albanian Government. The Albanian Government, basing itself on past experience, paragraph A of Article V of the Agreement, reached between itself and UNICEF, as well as on your above-mentioned letter, accepts that Mr. Chmielewski should arrive as Chief of Mission but this to take place the same time as when the supplies arrive. Failure to accept the above will be considered by the Albanian Government as a violation by UNICEF of the Agreement which UNICEF concluded with the Albanian Government, as well as a violation and a transgression against humanitarian principles, the application of which has been confided to that Organization by the United Nations.

In the hope that you will be able to send a Chief of Mission and to resume shipment of relief supplies, I bet you to accept, Mr. Director, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed:) Mihal Prifti m.p.
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.

* Translation from French

