



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

UN/1646  
Greece  
Tsunami Relief

23 February 2005

Excellency,

I would like to acknowledge, with gratitude to the people and the Government of Greece, receipt of the check in the amount of US\$12,742,000 representing the contribution of Greece to the tsunami relief effort spearheaded by the United Nations.

The check as well as your letter of 14 February have been passed on to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Some of the sectors are already well funded and therefore, as you suggest, OCHA will contact you to explore and propose other sectors where the generous contribution of the people of Greece could be used.

Thanks to an unprecedented level of support from the international community, the humanitarian situation has been rapidly stabilized. While continuing to provide necessary relief, the national governments, the United Nations and many other partners are now working towards restoring livelihoods and rebuilding homes and other critical infrastructures.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency  
Mr. Adamantios Th. Vassilakis  
Permanent Representative of Greece  
to the United Nations  
New York

25-02210



ACTION → Mr. G. Gilpin (w. cheyne)  
COPY Mr. Egeblad  
MPM

Min PR's attached. CCHA  
still working on  
FM's letter. Should  
hold this?

PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
866 SECOND AVENUE • NEW YORK, NY 10017-2905  
TEL: (212) 888-6900 • FAX: (212) 888-4440  
E-MAIL: GREECE@UN.INT

RECEIVED  
Part 2  
FEB 16 2005  
25-02210  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

New York, February 14, 2005

Excellency,

Further to the letter from H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs Petros Molyviatis addressed to you regarding the contribution of 10 million Euros (equivalent to 12,742,000 US Dollars) by the Greek people to the peoples of South East Asia struck by the tsunami of last December 26<sup>th</sup>, I would like to bring to your attention the following:

The Greek government, which has been authorized to manage the funds that have been raised, expressed the wish for the above amount to be disbursed, through the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), as follows:

- Three million € (3,822,600 US \$) to UNHCR for projects on "Family shelter and non-food items" in Indonesia,
- Two million € (2,548,400 US \$) to WFP, of which 1 million Euros (1,274,200 US Dollars) to Somalia and 1 million € to South-East Asia for projects under the "WFP Indian Ocean Tsunami Emergency Operation (Food)",
- One million € to FAO for projects on "Restoring livelihoods"

H.E. Mr. Kofi A. Annan  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York

J.  
/ have seen  
a reply yet  
from OCHA?  
if not, pl. press for  
one. J. 2/12

in Sri Lanka

- One million € to FAO/UNDP, of which 500,000€ (637,100 US \$) for projects on “Emergency assistance to the tsunami-affected fishing communities in Southern Thailand” and 500,000€ for projects on “Emergency assistance to the tsunami-affected farmers to restart agricultural production in Southern Thailand”

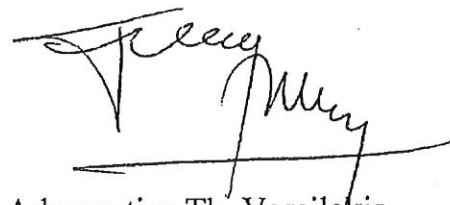
- Two million € to WHO for projects on “Enhancing capacity to respond to health threats at regional level and supporting health coordination”, and in particular 1 million € to East Africa, 600,000 € (764,520 US \$) to Maldives, and 400,000€ (509,680 US \$) to combat AIDS in the tsunami-affected areas,

- One million € to UNICEF for projects on “Emergency education” and “Water and environmental sanitation” of which 500,000€ in projects in the Seychelles.

In the event that the above projects are already fully-funded, the Greek government welcomes any suggestions from OCHA as to where the funds can be re-directed for better use.

I am at your disposal for any further information.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adamantios Th. Vassilakis', written over a horizontal line.

Adamantios Th. Vassilakis  
Permanent Representative

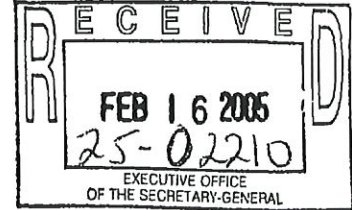




THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ACTION → Mr. Egelesand  
COPY MFM

Athens, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2005  
Ref.No.: 242



Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honor to hand over to you, through the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, Ambassador Adamandios Vassilakis, a check of EUR 10 million, as contribution of the Greek people for the alleviation of the peoples of South East Asia who were struck by the natural disaster of last December 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Greek Government wishes to request that this sum be used in its entirety by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), which will undertake to further channel it to specific Agencies of the UN system for reconstruction purposes, according to particular needs. Our Permanent Representative will soon provide you with details as to how this amount should be disbursed.

Apart from the above, please allow me, Your Excellency, to brief you on the steps my Government has already taken to assist the countries in the region:

- a) As soon as the news reached Greece, my country was the first to have organized the immediate dispatching of a civil airplane from Athens to the island of Phouquet, Thailand, to evacuate 150 people, citizens of Greece and other countries.
- b) Also, in the days immediately after the disaster, the Greek Government airlifted more than 50 tons of humanitarian emergency aid and foodstuff to the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand, while 25 Greek rescuers were dispatched to the island of Phouquet to assist the local authorities in their efforts. Three Greek military C-130 aircrafts were used for the transportation of the said goods and rescuers to Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand, while another military aircraft transported two water purification systems to the Aceh province of Indonesia and donated them to the local authorities.
- c) Additionally, the Greek Government has pledged the sum of EUR 300,000 to the Governments of Maldives and Sri Lanka (EUR 150,000 each).
- d) Furthermore, almost 700 tons of emergency aid (food, medicines etc.) is currently being transported on cargo ships, heading towards Indonesia.

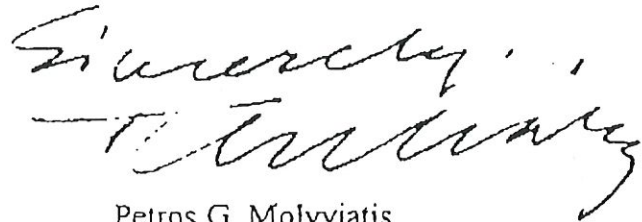
/..

*H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan*  
*Secretary-General of the United Nations*  
*New York*

e) Finally, a Greek-owned cruise ship, the "Ocean Monarch", has been transformed into a first-level medical and health center and loaded with 600 tons of humanitarian aid. This vessel is currently on her way to Sri Lanka, and she is expected to call the port of Trincomalee on February 4, 2005 where she will be staying for the next two months. More than 50 Greek doctors, nurses and medical personnel are on board ready to assist the suffering population of Sri Lanka.

All the above have been generously provided by the Greek people, who have shown an enormous sensitivity for the victims of this natural disaster. The generosity of our people remains vivid, as the collection of money and offers in kind continues to this date.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Petros G. Molyviatis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Petros G. Molyviatis