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24 February 1986

Dear Friends,

Re: Refugee Programme - 1986 and 1987

Ruud van Hoogevest left the WCC at the beginning of February and is at the moment enjoying a well-deserved skiing holiday in the Swiss mountains. Your greetings and good wishes will be transmitted to her. Please also convey our best wishes to Mrs. M.A. de Sosa.

Your letter of 15 November 1985 reached Geneva only on 4 February 1986 and here are our comments with regard to your:

- Item 4. We have on 10 December 1985 transferred US\$ 20,000 to the CAREF account, which according to above is US\$ 10,000 more than you needed to close 1985, thus leaving a healthy balance of US\$ 10,000 to be carried over to 1986.
- Item 5. We are aware of and regret the financial crisis of UNHCR but are not in the measure to compensate for the shortfall on UNHCR project funding. We have, however, alerted our member churches to this and asked them to convey to the governments of their countries the urgency of adequate contributions from UNHCR member governments.
- Item 6. Please continue to coordinate your plans and needs with CEAS since whatever funds we are able to raise for Argentina will be divided between your two Agencies.
- Item 7. Our attitude to the Refugee Services of CAREF and CEAS will always be appreciative and cordial; our financial support depends on the response and generosity of WCC member agencies.

As has been repeatedly pointed out all requests have to be consolidated, written up, printed and mailed to donor agencies one year ahead; hence our request, reiterated in my letter of 20 December 1985 to let us have:

- annual reports by end of January of each year
- requests by end of March of each year.

Both the above I regret to say are rarely available on time, which leaves us with the alternative either to forgo listing or piece the texts together from various bits of information received in the course of the previous year, which may or may not be adequate.

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We have in this manner listed Argentina with US\$ 150,000 for 1986 but expect to receive US\$ 100,000 maximum to be shared between CAREF and CEAS, in which event our contribution will be very much the same as in 1985, when our grants totalled US\$ 65,000 for CAREF and US\$ 30,000 for CEAS.

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Unless there is a reply to our letter of 20 December 1985 within the next days we shall utilize the information attached to your letter of November 1985 for listing purposes and again request US\$ 150,000 for Argentina. Reports received later will be used for up-dates, which however have little effect on the funding since most Agencies meet only once a year to discuss projects and approve allocations. It is therefore in your interest to provide the necessary background material by the dates requested and within the indicated format.

May I in conclusion add that the involvement and projects of implementing Agencies are a matter for consultation and decision between them and their local church constituencies; in other words the Refugee Service is approaching the donor agencies not for grants to WCC programmes but in order to secure WCC support for the programmes of WCC-member churches and their related agencies in Argentina and other parts of the world.

With all good wishes,



Yours sincerely,

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