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TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
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Dear Friends,

Reports on recent events in Hungary, of which we are all painfully aware, leave no doubt of needs now existing. WUS, faithful to its principle of providing assistance to the university community on the basis of need and without discrimination, cannot remain indifferent.

The International Secretariat is making enquiries, and is in particularly close contact with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies. At the present moment, the emergency nature of the situation is such that it is not yet possible to send assistance to specific groups such as that represented by the university community. We, therefore, recommend that those wishing to make immediate emergency contributions should do so through their National Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies. The Red Cross is co-ordinating present operations, and we consider that an attempt by WUS to set up a separate operation at this stage would only cause duplication and unnecessary delay in transmission.

We anticipate, however, that within a short time, it will be possible to ascertain the nature and extent of actual student and university needs. We hope also that channels will open up for the transmission of such help and assistance as may be needed by the Hungarian university community. Against this possibility, the International Secretariat is prepared to accept, for transmission to Hungary, contributions from those wishing to direct assistance specifically to the university community; part of the present WUS Emergency Fund is already regarded as being available for this purpose.

Further information will be circulated as soon as possible. The International Secretariat will maintain its present contacts and enquiries and would welcome additional relevant information.

Yours sincerely,

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