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Further report of the Secretary-General on developments in Cyprus

1. The following information is based on reports from my Special Representative and the Force Commander of UNFICYP describing the situation in Cyprus at 2300 hours on 29 July, 2000 hours on 30 July and 1600 and 2200 hours on 31 July 1974.

2. The situation during this period remained generally quiet except for the Kyrenia district, where fighting continued on 29 July in the area of Ayios Epiktetos (see S/11353/Add.10, para. 3). On 30 July, there was only sporadic shooting on the edges of the main Turkish Cypriot enclave. On 31 July, the National Guard withdrew from the Greek Cypriot towns of Karavas and Lapithos, west of Kyrenia, after fighting broke out again in that area. An UNFICYP patrol was obliged to withdraw from Larnaka (Kyrenia district) when it came under artillery fire. Turkish forces advanced approximately 1000 metres west from Ayios Ermolaos, and approximately 500 metres south from a point near the Nicosia race course (from AMR WO 214937 to WO 214932).

3. UNFICYP has continued to patrol throughout the island except in the area occupied by Turkish forces. In that area, UNFICYP resupply vehicles on 31 July were unable to gain access to UNFICYP posts. In Larnaka district, an UNFICYP observation post has been established on Alaminos.

4. The table below indicates the strength of UNFICYP on 9 July and 31 July 1974, and the projected strength on 12 August when the reinforcements currently pledged by troop-contributing Governments in response to my request will have arrived in the island:

	9 July	31 July	12 August (approximate)
Austria	240	300	300
Canada	490	698	950
Denmark	235	307	432
Finland	223	394	626
Ireland	3	3	3
Sweden	225	225	575
United Kingdom	781	1,391	1,391
Hospital unit	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
Sub-total	2,219	3,332	4,291
Civilian police (Australia, Austria, Denmark and Sweden)	<u>144</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>152</u>
TOTAL	2,363	3,484	4,443

5. With regard to humanitarian activities, a meeting was held at UNFICYP headquarters in the evening of 30 July with representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and it was agreed that the Red Cross would assume primary responsibility for providing relief and taking care of refugees, prisoners, missing persons, allegations of atrocities and similar problems that are traditionally within the terms of reference of the ICRC. UNFICYP will continue to play an active role, including investigations and local negotiations, and will fully assist and co-operate in carrying out humanitarian relief operations. No relief convoys had left Nicosia as of 1300 hours on 31 July, but it was hoped that Red Cross convoys carrying food, water and medical supplies might leave later in the day for various parts of the island.
