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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1984 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
MISSION OF VANUATU TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by the Government of Vanuatu to bring to the attention of the Security Council Vanuatu's continuing concern over the situation in Cyprus.

Vanuatu has consistently supported United Nations initiatives aimed at promoting a just and lasting solution to this vexing problem. It is the belief of the Government of Vanuatu that one of the most vital issues confronting the international community is the ever increasing pattern of threats to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of smaller States. A failure to respect the independence and integrity of smaller countries can only lead to increased insecurity for all nations. If we fail to ensure the territorial integrity of Cyprus and similarly situated States, then what nation among us can itself claim to be immune from the covetous glance of a militarily stronger neighbour? International anarchy would soon replace the rule of law in form as well as in substance.

For these reasons, Mr. President, the Government of Vanuatu wishes to go on record as urging the Security Council, particularly the five permanent members, to set an example for all nations by faithfully discharging their duties and responsibilities with respect to the maintenance of international law and order.

We appeal, as well, to other nations to refrain from taking or continuing actions which tend to pull the Cypriot nation apart rather than to help bind the old wounds and heal the ancient rifts. No nation in the world can itself profess to be free of internal contradictions. However, it remains with us, the community of nations, to bring all peoples and all communities together in a quest for peace, harmony and justice.

Mr. President, the Government of Vanuatu would greatly appreciate the circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Robert F. VAN LIEROP  
Representative to the United Nations

