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OPERATION IN CYPRUS

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Addendum

1. In my report of 29 May 1987 (S/18880, para. 73), I recommended that the Security Council extend the stationing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for a further period of six months, and I indicated that I would report to the Council on my consultations with the parties concerned on the subject as soon as possible. I wish to inform the Council that the Government of Cyprus as well as the Governments of Greece and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have indicated their concurrence in the proposed extension. The Government of Turkey has indicated, as has the Turkish Cypriot community, that it is not in a position to accept the text of the draft resolution contained in document S/18909, but that its stand will be expounded at the meeting of the Security Council.
2. As regards the financial situation of UNFICYP, I am pleased to report that, after my report was published, a Member State pledged a contribution of \$4.5 million for the mandate period which ended on 15 December 1986. As a result, the estimated deficit in the UNFICYP Special Account at the end of the current mandate period will be less than anticipated, though it will still be over \$150 million.
3. Members of the Security Council will recall that in paragraph 74 of my report, I undertook to report further on the outcome of the consultations between the troop-contributing countries and the members of the Council concerning the proposed change in the system of financing UNFICYP. These consultations have unfortunately shown that the necessary agreement does not at present exist for such a change to be approved by the Security Council. I continue to believe that every effort must be made to place the financing of UNFICYP on a more equitable basis. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the members of the Security Council will in due course find it possible to agree that the United Nations share of the costs of UNFICYP should be financed from assessed contributions.

4. In paragraph 7 of my report, I informed the Council of Sweden's decision to withdraw its contingent from UNFICYP by the end of 1987, unless substantial improvements could be achieved both in the financial situation of the Force, in particular through the introduction of financing by assessed contributions, and in the prospects for a political solution. The Government of Sweden has now confirmed its decision to withdraw its contingent by 1 January 1988. It has, however, agreed to continue to provide a detachment of civilian police and has offered to maintain a small Swedish element at UNFICYP headquarters. I naturally regret the Swedish Government's decision, though I fully understand the reasons which have caused it to be taken. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Sweden for its contribution to the peace-keeping efforts of the United Nations in Cyprus (and elsewhere) during the past 23 years. I am urgently examining what steps need to be taken to ensure that UNFICYP maintains the capability to fulfil its mandate after the Swedish withdrawal.
