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LETTER DATED 31 AUGUST 1976 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, a.i.,
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to furnish herebelow section XIII of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries which was held in Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976:

"XIII. CYPRUS

"The Conference reaffirms its solidarity with the Government and people of Cyprus and recalls General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX) -- endorsed by Security Council resolution 365 (1974) -- which continues to provide the principles and the valid framework for the solution of the problem. It also recalls Security Council resolution 367 (1975) and General Assembly resolution 3395 (XXX), as well as the Lima Declaration, which embody principles and conditions advocated by the Non-Aligned Countries through the Contact Group of Five. The Conference notes with satisfaction that the United Nations resolutions called upon all States to respect the non-aligned status of Cyprus.

"In urging the immediate implementation of United Nations resolutions, the Conference calls upon all States to respect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-alignment of Cyprus; demands the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of foreign armed forces and other foreign military presence from Cyprus; and calls for the initiation of urgent measures to ensure the safe return of all refugees to their homes. The Conference supports the continuation of meaningful and constructive negotiations between the representatives of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities freely conducted on an equal footing, which should lead to a mutually satisfactory and freely accepted agreement, and emphasizes the need for the parties concerned to adhere to the agreements reached at all previous rounds of the talks held under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"The Conference further emphasizes that all parties should refrain from taking unilateral action in the situation and deplores such action already taken, more particularly arbitrary actions to enforce a change

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in the demographic structure of the island in whatever way. The situation brought about by such actions should not be allowed to influence the settlement of the Cyprus issue.

"The Conference considers that the United Nations should take effective measures to ensure the implementation of its resolutions with regard to Cyprus."

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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