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LETTER DATED 17 FEBRUARY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council on the question of Cyprus. The reasons, among others, are as follows:

1. The violation by Turkey of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX) of 5 November 1974 and Security Council resolution 365 (1974) of 13 December 1974; and in addition, its increasingly aggravating actions in violation of the said resolutions.

2. The negative and threatening interventions of Turkey in the local talks with the resulting dilatory tactics of the Turkish side in these talks, and the use of the intervening time for the forcible transfer of population and other faits accomplis culminating in the present most serious aggravation by:

3. The "Declaration" of 13 February 1975, purporting to make the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, still under the aggressive military occupation by Turkey, a separate Turkish state. This action is in gross violation of the Treaty of Establishment of the Republic of Cyprus 1960, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions on Cyprus unanimously adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council, for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus.

In consequence of the above the very meaning and purpose of the local talks, as provided in General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX), is frustrated and negated and the procedure of the talks wrecked.

It has furthermore to be realized that the territory intended so to become a separate Turkish state has always been inhabited by Greek and Turkish Cypriots in the ratio of 80 to 20 per cent, respectively. By the systematic action of the invading forces, the bulk of the Greek Cypriot population has been by armed violence, expelled, uprooted and rendered destitute refugees while their houses, properties and businesses have been looted, despoiled and usurped. In their place, the invader is forcibly implanting Turkish population from Turkey and from other parts of Cyprus. An indicative example of the magnitude of the international crime involved is that a "bill" by the so-called Turkish-Cypriot Administration gives Cypriot citizenship to the soldiers of the 40,000 invasion Turkish force and

their families in order that they would become part of the implanted population in the area described as "our region". The legitimate inhabitants of that region, namely the 200,000 expelled population, and now refugees, seem to be of no consequence to the authors of the "Declaration".

This, in broad lines, is the picture of the situation.

My Government seeks the strict and effective implementation of General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX) and Security Council resolution 365 (1974), which have been so persistently and grossly violated by Turkey.

Only through a determined and effective action by the Security Council for enforcing the implementation of the said resolutions, coupled with the provision of new procedures of negotiation, can there be progress towards a just and peaceful solution of the problem within the recognized norms of international law and the principles of the United Nations Charter.

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

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