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In the course of his statement of 14 December 1987 at the 2771st meeting of the Security Council, the representative of Turkey sought to draw an extremely misleading parallel between the presence of Turkish troops in Cyprus and the Indian Peace-Keeping Force in Sri Lanka. As is well known to the international community, the Indian Peace-Keeping Force is in Sri Lanka in response to a specific request from the Government of Sri Lanka and in full conformity with international law. Moreover, the Government of India fully supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka. It is thus clear that there is no analogy between the legal activities of the Indian Peace-Keeping Force in Sri Lanka and the presence of Turkish forces in Cyprus whose withdrawal has been demanded by the Security Council and the General Assembly.

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

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