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## SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

Held in private in New York on Wednesday, 24 July 1974, at 9 p.m.

*President:* Mr. Javier PÉREZ de CUÉLLAR (Peru).

*Present:* The representatives of the following States: Australia, Austria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Costa Rica, France, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Mauritania, Peru, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon and United States of America.

### Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/1784)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Cyprus:
  - (a) Letter dated 16 July 1974 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council (S/11334);
  - (b) Letter dated 16 July 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11335);
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*The meeting was called to order at 11.40 p.m.*

### Record of the meeting

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): As a result of consultations held with members of the Council, I understand that there is general agreement that rule 51 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council will not be invoked on this occasion and that the verbatim record of this meeting will be circulated in all the working languages as an unrestricted document in accordance with rule 49. If there is no objection, I shall take it that that is agreed.

2. As this meeting is being held in private, it will be necessary to apply rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure and to issue a communiqué through the Secretary-General at the close of the meeting. The text of the draft communiqué has just been circulated to members of the Council.

### Adoption of the agenda

*The agenda was adopted.*

The situation in Cyprus:

- (a) Letter dated 16 July 1974 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/11334);
- (b) Letter dated 16 July 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11335);
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3. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I now call on the Secretary-General.

4. The SECRETARY-GENERAL: I had the opportunity to inform the members of the Council of the situation in Cyprus in the private consultations which have just finished. I have now received a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, Mr. Turan Gunes, which I shall read out to the Council:

“Our Permanent Representative to the United Nations has conveyed to me your anxieties about the situation around the Lefkose (Nicosia) airport.

“I am happy to be able to reaffirm the assurances conveyed earlier in the day to you by my Prime Minister. I would like to reiterate that, without prejudice to the contentions of the Turkish Government as to the legality of the United Nations presence at the Lefkose (Nicosia) airport in Cyprus, the Government of Turkey undertakes not to attempt to assume possession of the Lefkose (Nicosia) airport by force, the threat of force or other means of coercion.

“I hope that this letter will help to relieve the understandable tension under which we all lived today.”

5. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): If there are no comments on the text of the draft communiqué, I shall take it that that text meets with the approval of the members of the Council.

*It was so decided.*<sup>1</sup>

*The meeting rose at 11.50 p.m.*

<sup>1</sup> For the text of the communiqué, see S/11378.

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