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LETTER DATED 19 JULY 1974 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I.,
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the declaration of the Romanian news agency Agerpres concerning the events taking place in Cyprus.

I should be grateful to you, Mr. President, if you would have this declaration circulated as a working document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ion DUMA
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Declaration of the Romanian news agency Agerpres
of 17 July 1974

The Romanian news agency Agerpres is authorized to declare the following:

The Romanian people has learned with feelings of deep anxiety and indignation of the news of the coup d'état organized in Cyprus by the foreign military forces stationed on the territory of the country in spite of the constitutional order of the republic, of the legal Government and of the lawful head of State, President Makarios.

Public opinion in Romania most resolutely disapproves of the attempted coup d'état which represents a flagrant interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State, Member of the United Nations Organization, an act of the policy of strength seriously endangering the independence of the Republic of Cyprus and threatening the Cypriot people's democratic gains, the quiet and security of the entire population of the island.

At the same time, the foreign interference in Cyprus has serious international implications, runs counter to the ever broader course toward détente, normalization of inter-State relations, extinguishing of hotbeds of conflict and the peoples' fight to be masters of their own destinies. The foreign military interference in the internal affairs of Cyprus harms the efforts for lasting peace to be established and security to be built in Europe, in the Balkans and the Mediterranean area, flagrantly transgresses the United Nations Charter, the fundamental principles of international relations, the rules of international legality and justice.

Romania - which develops broad relations of co-operation and friendship with the Republic of Cyprus - expresses her full support for the legal Government of President Makarios and reasserts on this occasion too her full solidarity with the fight of the Cypriot people for the defence of its homeland's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, against the military's coup organized by the foreign troops stationed on the island.

Inspired by the high political and moral commandments governing Romania's entire international activity, public opinion in our country resolutely demands that an end be put to the attack of the foreign military in Cyprus - and in this sense, considers it necessary that President Makarios' and the legal Cypriot Government's request be met as to the urgent withdrawal of the Greek military from the island and demands that the constitutional order be restored in the country in keeping with the Cypriot people's national aspirations for liberty and independence and with the roles of international legality and ethics. This also serves the cause of détente in the Balkans and in Europe, the demands of establishing security on our continent.

In the spirit of her consistent policy, Romania resolutely declares against every act of strength and every form of immixture in the internal affairs of other States, for strict observance of the principles of national independence and sovereignty, of the Cypriot people's right to develop freely and self-dependently, to decide its own destiny in keeping with its interests, without any outside immixture.
