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GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Following our letters of 22 July (S/11359) and of 23 July (S/11361 and S/11362) addressed to the Secretary-General, as well as our two cables sent to your Excellency this afternoon, with regard to the heavy shelling of our Embassy's premises, I have the honour, on instructions of my Government, to request you to convene immediately the Security Council in order to examine a most serious situation created by the continuous Turkish violations of the cease-fire decided by the Security Council (resolution 353 (1974)) and accepted by all parties concerned, and take appropriate steps.

Actually, Turkish forces, in flagrant violation of the cease-fire, have today occupied Milia, east of Nicosia, advanced westward from Gerolakos as well as from Karavas in the direction of Lapithos, aiming at enlarging their bridgehead on the northern coast of the Island. Heavy fighting is also going on in various other locations causing hundreds of civilian casualties.

I am directed to state that unless immediate measures are taken for the return of the Turkish armed forces to the positions they held on 22 July at 4.00 p.m. (Cyprus local time) and to stop their efforts to enlarge the territory occupied by them, the whole situation would inevitably deteriorate in such an explosive way, that it could lead to a general conflagration.

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