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LETTER DATED 28 JULY 1974 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics I have the honour to request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the question of the implementation of Security Council resolution 353 of 20 July 1974 concerning the situation in Cyprus.

The need for an urgent meeting of the Security Council is created by the fact that the basic provisions of Council resolution 353 are not being implemented: firing has still not ceased on the territory of the independent sovereign State of the Republic of Cyprus, a Member of the United Nations, foreign military intervention continues, and the lawful constitutional Government of Cyprus headed by President Makarios, and all the institutions of that Government, have not been restored. As a result of the failure to implement the aforementioned resolution a tense situation threatening international peace and security continues to exist in Cyprus.

The Security Council must take effective measures forthwith to implement the key provisions of resolution 353. If the Council does not fulfil the responsibility entrusted to it and does not secure the restoration of the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, the situation in Cyprus may become even more aggravated and lead to the creation of a permanent hotbed of military conflicts.

I should be glad if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) V. SAJFONCHUK
Acting Permanent Representative of
the USSR to the United Nations