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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General received, on 4 August 1974, a telegram from Mr. Glafcos Clerides, Acting President of Cyprus, which reads as follows:

"I wish to bring to your knowledge that the invading Turkish Army - as you must already be aware - has shown absolute disregard to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to the fundamental human rights. Besides the indiscriminate bombing, shelling and shooting of unarmed civilians and of such internationally protected institutions as infirmaries, hospitals, schools and even the Red Cross centre of Cyprus, the Turkish Army has inflicted unprecedented harassment on the civilian population of the area it has occupied in northern Cyprus. The Turkish Army, after occupying the Greek inhabited area in and around the city of Kyrenia, has systematically looted and plundered the properties of the inhabitants, arrested all the men, molested women, children and elderly people, and indulged in repeated rapes, arsons, cold-blooded murders of civilians and forced expulsion of the inhabitants from their homes. Around 20,000 civilians have already been forced by the Turkish Army to leave their homes situated in northern Cyprus. Though supplies of food and water were delivered to the Greek Cypriot population remaining in the area occupied by the Turkish Army through the International Red Cross and the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, reports have reached the Government of Cyprus that, after delivery of the supplies, the Turkish Army prevents the population from consuming them and confiscates them, leaving women and children without food and water. Yesterday, 2 August 1974, the Turkish Army forcibly expelled the remaining women, children and elderly people from the Greek Cypriot villages Ayios Georgios, Trimithi and Karimi - in the occupied area west of Kyrenia - without any warning or allowing them to carry any of their belongings. It should be stressed that the Turkish brutalities reached their climax after the cease-fire agreement and relevant resolutions of the Security Council. I appeal to you in the hope that you will exert the maximum of your influence on the Turkish Government to stop immediately all actions violating the relevant Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, fundamental human rights and international humanitarian principles. You are kindly requested to circulate the contents of this message as a document amongst the Member States.

"Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus"

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