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I have the honour to bring to your knowledge the following:

According to information received, units of the Turkish occupation army have arrested approximately 1,000 inhabitants of the Karpassia area, shortly after this area was inspected by delegates of the International Red Cross Committee.

Information received subsequently confirmed the above arrests. This latter information added that Greek-Cypriots arrested in Karpassia were kept at the police station Saray in Nicosia. It is strongly believed that this is another sample of the well-known Turkish policy to arrest the able-bodied Greek-Cypriots in order (a) to exchange them as "prisoners of war" and (b) to oblige their families to abandon their homes and leave the occupied area of Cyprus.

I would be grateful, Your Excellency, if you could kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Denis CARAYANNIS Ambassador Permanent Representative of Greece

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