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CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's notice and to protest strongly the following facts which furnish additional illustrations of the methods and intentions of the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus.

According to reliable information, the Turkish forces have been engaged systematically in the illegal confiscation and sale of unused private cars belonging to Greek Cypriot importers and stored in the Famagusta port. Of these, saloon type cars have been converted to the use of the officers of the occupation forces while all other passenger cars, lorries and vans have been shipped to Turkey after having their engine numbers and other distinguishing characteristics deleted to avoid identification. This has been attested by uncontestedly reliable eye witnesses. According to their testimony they have seen on the Famagusta-Dekelia road, Turks engaged in removing number plates and in deleting by oxygen welding the existing engine numbers and replacing them with new ones. Some 15 passenger cars and two lorries were observed on this particular occasion.

At the same time, it has been established that the Turkish Cypriot leadership have illegally invited tenders for the leasing out of farms and lands belonging to Greek Cypriots which are located in the areas occupied by the Turkish forces.

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

(Signed) Zenon ROSSIDES
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Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations