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LETTER DATED 9 MARCH 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CYPRUS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to furnish here below the text of a statement made on Thursday, 7 March 1968 by his Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus:

"The Cyprus Government has today decided to lift all existing restrictions in respect of the Turkish quarter of Nicosia. As a result, the pacification measures, the implementation of which began some time ago, are now extended to the whole of Cyprus. This decision takes effect as from midnight tomorrow, Friday, 8 March 1968.

"With the abolition of all restrictions and the removal of all checkpoints, there will be complete freedom of movement for the Turkish Cypriots throughout the island, and existing restrictions on the supply and transportation of certain materials will also be lifted.

"The Government hopes that this gesture will further contribute to the creation of better conditions and a more suitable atmosphere for the exercise of the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations towards a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem.

"We trust that this decision of the Government will be appreciated by the Turkish Cypriots who, it is expected, will respond in a spirit of goodwill."

Your Excellency is kindly requested to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council and distributed to all members of the United Nations.

Please accept, Sir, etc.

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