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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS

Addendum

In view of the continuing tension regarding Cyprus since the incident of 15 November 1967, the Secretary-General addressed on 22 November the following urgent appeal to the President of Cyprus and the Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey:

"Alarming reports continue to reach me of military preparations, the movement of forces and threatening statements by Governments particularly concerned, as a consequence of the unfortunate recent incidents of fighting in Cyprus. Such activities can only add to the high degree of tension already prevailing in Cyprus, Greece and Turkey and to increase the danger of military conflict in the area. The Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey have an obligation to act in full compliance with the Charter of the United Nations which calls upon them to settle their disputes only by peaceful means and to refrain from the threat or use of force; they have as well a special responsibility to check what seems to be, more and more, a rapid deterioration of relations which seems to be leading to an outbreak of hostilities. They are also called upon to faithfully respect the more specific terms of the resolutions of the Security Council on Cyprus.

"In the interest of peace I feel obliged to address a most earnest and pressing appeal to your Government to avoid any action that could precipitate a new outbreak of hostilities and to exercise the utmost restraint in the present explosive circumstances.

"I am addressing an identical message to the Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey.

"In view of the prevailing danger and my natural desire to do everything possible to avert war, I am also taking the exceptional step of sending quickly to the three capitals a personal high-level representative to convey directly to the Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey my grave concern and my urgent appeal for utmost restraint, and to assist them in all possible ways to reduce the present tension. I will consult your Permanent Representative about this immediately."