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SPECIAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON RECENT  
DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS

Addendum

The Secretary-General addressed the following new appeal to the President of Cyprus and the Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey on 24 November 1967:

"The portents regarding Cyprus are increasingly ominous. Indications at this moment are that Greece and Turkey are at the brink of war over Cyprus. It is thus all too obvious that the United Nations through its appropriate organs must do all that it can to avert this catastrophe.

"As you know, because of my growing alarm over the situation, I asked Mr. José Rolz-Bennett, Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs, to visit the capitals of the three Governments as my Personal Representative and to convey to those Governments my very deep concern about the deteriorating situation and to give whatever assistance he could to reverse the trend toward war. Mr. Rolz-Bennett left New York on twenty-two November, has been to Ankara and at this moment is in Athens. He has reported to me that the situation is very dangerous.

"As Secretary-General of the United Nations, therefore, I again appeal to the three States most directly involved - Cyprus, Greece and Turkey - in the strongest possible terms, to exercise utmost restraint particularly at this critical juncture, to avoid all acts of force or the threats of recourse to force, to be temperate in their public utterances relating to the Cyprus problem and to relations among them. It will be unavoidable that those who act otherwise, not only act in overt violation of their obligations under the United Nations Charter and the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, but will also bear responsibility for the ensuing war.

"The problems of Cyprus are numerous and complicated and demand urgent solution if peace is to be preserved. Certainly one of the most critical, if not the most critical, at this time is the presence of non-Cypriot armed forces, other than the United Nations Force which is a peace force, on the island of Cyprus. This is more particularly so, since such forces at present deployed there apparently exceed the previously agreed allowable numbers. I believe that the prevailing tension could be eased and the

imminent threat of war removed by a reasoned and earnest effort by the three parties directly concerned to agree upon and arrange for a substantial reduction of the non-Cypriot armed forces now in hostile confrontation on the troubled island of Cyprus. In a practical sense, such reductions would need to be in stages and should envisage the ultimate withdrawal from the island of all non-Cypriot armed forces other than those of the United Nations. This would make possible the positive demilitarization of Cyprus and would be a decisive step toward securing peace on the island.

"I therefore appeal most urgently to your Government as I am appealing to the other two, to agree to the reduction suggested and to undertake to work out a programme for the phased reduction looking toward ultimate complete withdrawal. I offer my assistance toward this end to the fullest extent and particularly may I assure you that UNFICYP would be available for all appropriate assistance in carrying out such a programme and in continuing to help maintain quiet.

"I call upon all Governments concerned to act in accordance with their obligations under the Charter. In this regard they should desist from the use of force or the threat of the use of force to achieve their ends; they should respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus; and they should refrain from any military intervention in the affairs of that Republic.

"I hope for your most serious and urgent attention to this appeal."

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