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OF GREECE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Turkey dated 8 February 1966, which was circulated as Security Council document S/7128, I feel I owe it to the delegations of member States to let them have the text of the communiqué issued in Athens on 2 February 1966 at the conclusion of talks between the President of the Republic of Cyprus and the Greek Government.

An unofficial translation as it was transmitted through Press channels follows:

"Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus Republic, etc. etc....

During the talks situation as shaped following United Nations General Assembly resolution on Cyprus was fully reviewed. It has been ascertained that United Nations General Assembly resolution of 18 December 1965 contributes positively to progress of question and the best ways of its proper implementation have been studied. The wish of both Governments has been stressed to aid constructively every effort assumed by United Nations Secretary-General personally based on Plaza Report, United Nations General Assembly resolution of 18 December 1965 and principles of Charter.

Greek Government was informed with satisfaction of measures studied by Cyprus Government for further establishment of smoothness and peaceful conditions on Island as well as willingness of Cyprus Government to examine Turkish minority's rights with their representatives. Representatives of two Governments also examined common defence problems. Two Governments reject solution excluding Enosis or involving direct or indirect partition of Island and reiterate their intention to accept United Nations guarantee ensuring minority rights for Turkish Cypriots. Two Governments insist on view that Cyprus issue despite its repercussions on Greek-Turkish relations is no object of Greek-Turkish difference but of unrestricted independence of Cyprus so that Cypriot people may decide their future freely. In this spirit two Governments will exert efforts to further question inspired by their attachment to United Nations principles and peaceful procedures.

Finally, two Governments have ascertained once more complete identity of their views and have reiterated their determination to continue their close and harmonious co-operation, necessary expression of unity of soul of all Greeks, in joint effort to achieve national aim."

A mere reading of the text of this communiqué will suffice to make everyone understand that the allegations of the Turkish representative are not warranted by the contents of the communiqué, which reflects once more the attachment and dedication of the Greek Government to peace, to peaceful means and procedures, to the principles and aims of the United Nations and respect to the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Unfortunately, the policies and tactics of the Turkish Government make it very difficult, even with the utmost goodwill, to discover a corresponding attitude and intention on the part of Turkey.

I would appreciate it if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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to the United Nations

