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Letter dated 23 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative of  
Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the following statement issued on 17 November 1983 by the Right Honourable Edward Seaga, Prime Minister of Jamaica, concerning the situation in Cyprus.

"The Government of Jamaica is gravely disturbed at the recent developments in Cyprus concerning the unilateral declaration of the Turkish Cyprus community purporting to establish an independent State in the northern territory of Cyprus.

"This so-called declaration of independence represents the culmination of steps taken by the leadership of the Turkish Cypriot community since the Turkish military invasion in 1974 for the ultimate partition of Cyprus.

"Over the years, Jamaica has consistently supported the unity of the Republic of Cyprus and the sovereign right of its Government to full and effective control over the entire country. We have also given our full support to negotiations under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations between the two communities of Cyprus towards achieving a mutually acceptable agreement based on their fundamental and legitimate rights.

"Jamaica must therefore condemn this unilateral and illegal declaration by the leadership of the Turkish community as a major setback to the ongoing efforts for a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the question of Cyprus and as an action which is bound to contribute to further tension in the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean region.

"The Government of Jamaica declares that it will not give any form of recognition to the so-called Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and reaffirms its full support for the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of the Republic of Cyprus."

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I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative of Jamaica  
to the United Nations

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