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The Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued by the Government of Cyprus on the Report of the United Nations Mediator on Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza.^{1/}

On this occasion the Permanent Representative of Cyprus wishes to express on behalf of his Government its grateful thanks to the Secretary-General for his active interest in the problem of Cyprus.

^{1/} Documents S/6253 and Corr.1.

STATEMENT

At the meeting of the Council of Ministers of 8 April 1965, presided over by the President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios, there was a further exchange of views on the report of the United Nations Mediator on Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza. The Government of Cyprus reached the conclusion that most of the findings in the report of the Mediator constitute a constructive approach to the problem of Cyprus, particularly the chapter referring to the criteria upon which the solution of the problem must be based. These criteria are absolutely consistent with the basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Mediator recognizes the right to self-determination of the people of Cyprus without any restriction imposed from the outside, mentioning this right among the basic criteria for the solution of the problem. However, he recommends self-restriction with respect to the exercise of this right as long as there exists a danger to peace caused by the Turkish threat to use force. The Government of Cyprus cannot agree with this view. The right of the people of Cyprus to decide its future on its own cannot be restricted because of the threat of use of force by one Member of the United Nations against another. The threat to use force is a violation of the fundamental principle of the Charter of the United Nations, as the Mediator himself indicates in his report.

The policy of the Government of Cyprus remains the same, namely unrestricted independence including the right of self-determination in accordance with the principles of the United Nations, as well as protection of the rights of the Turkish minority.

The Government believes that the work of the Mediator, Mr. Galo Plaza, has so far been useful and wishes it to be continued.
