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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1965 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GREECE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of 26 March, by which you kindly transmitted to me a copy of the report^{1/} prepared by the United Nations Mediator on Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza, and submitted to you in accordance with his terms of reference.

The report has been carefully studied by the Greek Government and I am now in the position to communicate to you, herewith attached, the text of a statement issued today by the Council of Ministers.

I should be grateful if you would kindly transmit a copy of this letter and of the attached statement to Mr. Galo Plaza.

I wish to thank you once more for your continuing interest in the Cyprus question, which we greatly appreciate and to request you to accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) S. COSTOPOULOS
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece

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

Statement

1. The Greek Government took cognizance of the report submitted on 26 March 1965, by Mr. Galo Plaza, United Nations Mediator on Cyprus.
2. Having studied the text in question, the Greek Government took notice of the Mediator's efforts for a constructive analysis of all the aspects of the question. The Greek Government also note that the report constitutes a synthesis of the findings and conclusions by two personalities which have in succession performed the duties of United Nations Mediator.
3. As regards the Mediator's remarks the Greek Government note with satisfaction that Mr. Plaza recognizes the fundamental right of the people of Cyprus to decide on their own future without any restriction imposed from outside; they are however puzzled that the report recommends self-restraint in the exercise of this right because of the threat of use of force by one of the Members of the United Nations against another Member, since such a threat is absolutely contrary to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, which the Mediator mentions among the criteria for finding a solution.
4. The Greek Government with due respect to the resolution of the Security Council dated 4 March 1964, will take any action, as in the past, for the success of the task undertaken by the United Nations for preserving peace and promoting a solution to the Cyprus question.
5. The aim of the Greek Government consistent with the principles of the United Nations, continues to be in unfettered independence including the right of self-determination, as well as full protection of the rights of the Turkish minority. The means to this aim are pacification and continuation by Mr. Plaza of his mission as Mediator.
6. The Greek Government reiterate that they will respect the right of the people of Cyprus to decide freely about their own future.
