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Addendum

1. Further to my reports on recent developments in Cyprus (S/6569, S/6569/Add.1 and S/6586), I am bringing to the attention of the Security Council the information set out below, at the request of the Permanent Representative of Turkey (letter of 9 August 1965 circulated as S/6602).
2. The House of Representatives met as scheduled on 5 August 1965 and elected the incumbent, Mr. Glafkos Cleridis, as President for a period not exceeding one year from the date of the expiry of his present term of office on 15 August. This action was taken unanimously by the 25 members present. No Turkish Cypriot members were present.
3. At the same meeting, the House took legislative action in respect of the representatives of the Armenian, Maronite and Latin religious groups who under the 1960 Constitution (articles 2 and 10) had been members of the Greek Communal Chamber. That Chamber had been abolished by a law of 31 March 1965, most of its functions being transferred either to the House of Representatives or to the newly established Ministry of Education. The 31 March law specified that the representatives of the aforementioned religious communities would, until the expiration of their terms of office, continue to represent their groups for matters heretofore falling under the jurisdiction of the Greek Communal Chamber. For this purpose, these representatives were given the right to be heard by any governmental organ, or committee of the House of Representatives, or authority of the Republic. The House of Representatives, through its committees, was to request the views of these religious groups to be placed before it prior to enactment of any law affecting these religious groups.

4. The action taken by the House on 5 August amended the 31 March legislation by extending the terms of office of the representatives of the three religious groups for a period not exceeding one year. Their functions as defined in the law of 31 March were not affected. Promulgation of this measure is expected to be completed shortly when it is published in the official gazette.
