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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to your report to the Security Council dated 29 July 1965 (S/6569), "drawing the attention of the Security Council to certain important developments which have taken place in Cyprus recently and which have increased tension in the island", I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention certain further developments in Cyprus which contribute to the same effect.

On 5 August, in other words on the same date on which the Council was in session in order to consider the dangerous situation emanating from the developments referred to in your report (S/6569), the Greek Cypriot members of the House of Representatives of Cyprus met in Nicosia and unanimously elected Mr. Glafkos Cleridis, whose term of office would expire on 16 August 1965, as President of the House. This election was carried out as a measure parallel to the unlawful enactment concerning the prolongation of the term of office of the President of the Republic and the Greek Cypriot members of the House.

On the same day the Greek Cypriot members of the House proceeded purportedly to enact two new laws: one dealing with the question of a so-called Ministry of Education arising from the unconstitutional disbanding of the Greek Communal Chamber and prolonging for one year the authority of former members of the Greek Communal Chamber representing the Armenian, Maronite and Latin minorities, to represent their communities in the House of Representatives in questions within the competence of the disbanded Greek Communal Chamber, and the second amending the law of conscription, providing that the duration of military service under conscription shall be determined by the Council of Ministers.

I understand that Vice-President Dr. Kuchuk of Cyprus is about to make the necessary representations with your Special Representative in Cyprus with regard to the above enactments.

It is obvious, of course, that such purported legislation is just as devoid of any constitutional validity as the laws referred to in your report.

The Council would doubtless be interested to learn that by continuing to commit the very acts the provocative nature of which the Council is deliberating on the same day, the Greek Government of Cyprus has bared its intention to continue to flaunt the recommendations of the Council.

I hereby request Your Excellency to be so good as to bring to the attention of the Security Council these latest developments which follow so closely upon those mentioned in your report of 29 July 1965 (S/6569).

I shall be obliged if Your Excellency would kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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the United Nations
