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OF TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In his letter addressed to Your Excellency on 26 August 1965 (S/6632) Mr. Rossides, the Representative of the Greek Cypriot Administration, endeavours to project his personal interpretation into the resolution adopted by the Security Council on 10 August 1965 (S/RES/207). But it is obvious that in spite of his incredible ingenuity in prevarication, Mr. Rossides has not been able to establish a convincing relationship between his line of thought or, more precisely, his wishful thinking and the resolution.

No interpretation of any given document can be accurate if such interpretation is not related to the circumstances which has brought it about. Similarly a resolution is the crystallization of a debate and reflects the consensus emerging from that debate. Nevertheless, Mr. Rossides with a peculiar legerdemain pushes this aside and would have us believe that all the Security Council did by adopting the resolution under reference was to reaffirm the "independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity" of Cyprus.

The Greek Cypriot administration through its unconstitutional and unilateral action in adopting the so-called electoral law had sought to change the structure of the Republic of Cyprus and through this latest Greek Cypriot fait accompli impose upon other parties a solution furthering Greek political interest. It will be recalled that the 4 March resolution specifically called for an agreed and negotiated settlement and enjoined all parties to refrain from aggravating the situation. This Greek Cypriot action was, therefore, contrary to the 4 March resolution of the Security Council. The Secretary-General submitted a report regarding these activities of the Greek Cypriot administration on 29 July 1965 (S/6569) which in its first paragraph clearly stated that these "important developments... have increased tension in the Island".

The Security Council considered the Secretary-General's report mentioned above and further information supplied by the Secretary-General in his subsequent reports about the chain of events triggered by this unilateral and dangerous Greek Cypriot action. All of the members of the Security Council who participated in the debate have strongly criticized the Greek Cypriot Administration and reproached their attempt to solve the dispute through fait accompli as contrary to the 4 March resolution. The verbatim records of the Council meetings in question should be available to the Greek Cypriot Administration.

It was on the basis of your reports and the consensus which emerged from the Council deliberations, as stated above, that the 10 August resolution was adopted by the Security Council. Based on this consensus of the Council, the resolution by its clear reference in its first preambular paragraph to your report of 29 July 1965, and to your evaluation contained therein, has in effect called upon the Greek Cypriot Government to desist in future from similar action likely to worsen the situation.

While the record of the Greek Cypriot Government does not augur well for the future observance of the postulations of the Security Council, my Government was hoping that the moral weight of your evaluation added to the Council resolution might induce the Greek Cypriot Government to hesitate before they resume their arrogant course of action.

It appears from Mr. Rossides' semantics, however, that it will be necessary for both Your Excellency and the Security Council to maintain constant vigilance in order to nip in the bud any further attempt on the part of the Greek Cypriot Administration to trample the resolutions of the Council and to endanger the peace of the world.

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

Please accept, etc.

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Turkey to the United Nations