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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the complaint of the Government of Cyprus against Turkey contained in document S/5483 by which the Security Council is seized of the question of Cyprus and to state the following:

1. On February 14 I alerted the President of the Security Council and the Secretary-General at short notice, because of the growing threat of an invasion of Cyprus by Turkey.
2. By my letter of February 15 I requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council on the grounds stated in that letter and also because of the danger of irregulars from Turkey being landed in Cyprus on that night. Information received since has strengthened that apprehension.
3. The members of the Security Council decided to convene the Council on February 17 at 3 p.m. by virtue of that urgent request.
4. The Representative of the United Kingdom by his letter of February 15 requested an early meeting of the Council.
5. In view of the urgency of my request I respectfully submit that that urgent request should take priority over the request for an early meeting by the Representative of the United Kingdom, consequently, it is for my Delegation to open the discussion on the urgent matter which forms the subject of my said request.

Please accept, etc.,

(Signed) Zenon ROSSIDES  
Permanent Representative of Cyprus  
to the United Nations

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