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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

Further to my report to the Council on 12 March (S/5593 and Add.1), on the organization and operation of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus, I am able to report additional steps with regard to the organization of that Force.

Sizeable elements of the Canadian contingent have arrived in Cyprus, and it is indicated that a Swedish advance party and an Irish planning party will proceed to the island shortly. It may be mentioned also that arrangements for the take-over of those British troops already on Cyprus who are to comprise the British contingent are expected to be concluded with the United Kingdom Government before long.

On this basis, I am able to say that the United Nations Force in Cyprus is in being. Troops of the Canadian contingent have been taken under the command of the Acting Commander of the Force, Major-General C.F. Paiva Chaves. The Force will become established operationally when sufficient troops are available to it in Cyprus to make it possible for it to discharge its functions effectively. At that time it will be my intention to inform the Security Council immediately and that will fix the date from which the three-month period of the duration of the Force as defined in the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964 will begin.

It goes without saying, of course, that all troops from all contingents provided to the United Nations Force in Cyprus, including those that have arrived thus far, will be from the moment of their arrival in Cyprus and at all times thereafter, exclusively under United Nations Command.