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LETTER DATED 17 APRIL 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
SWEDEN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your note of 8 April 1964, confirming your verbal request, made in accordance with Security Council resolution S/5575 of 4 March 1964, for a self-contained infantry battalion group from Sweden, as well as certain staff officers, to form part of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

Acting upon instructions of my Government I have the honour to confirm that the Swedish Government has decided to organize, on a voluntary basis, such a battalion group for service with the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Pursuant to a further request from you the strength of the Swedish contingent will be increased to a total of about 1,000. The main part of the contingent, about 700, has already arrived in Cyprus and is taking up duties.

With reference to your note of 3 April 1964, containing a request for the provision of police personnel in the strength of forty to act as observers and to effect liaison with local police, etc., I have the honour, likewise, to confirm that the Swedish Government is prepared to organize, on a voluntary basis, such a contingent. If recruitment proceeds and is completed as planned, the contingent is expected to depart for Cyprus in the near future.

The Swedish Government has noted that the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus will at all times be under the exclusive command and control of the United Nations and that it is an impartial, objective body which has no responsibility for political solutions and, indeed, which will not try to influence them one way or another (S/5593/Add.3).

The Swedish Government has also noted that the stationing of the Force shall be for a period of three months, as from 27 March 1964, and that the mandate for the Force can be extended beyond this time only by a new action by the Security Council (S/PV.1102)

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The Swedish Government has welcomed your appeals to the two communities in Cyprus and to the Governments concerned to co-operate fully with the United Nations in the discharge of its tasks as laid down in the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964. The Swedish Government feels that the outcome of the United Nations efforts in Cyprus will be determined by the degree of such co-operation.

The Swedish Government is anxious that the functions of the Force be defined and exercised in such a way as to afford maximum efficiency in the discharge of the tasks laid down in the Security Council resolution, as well as strongest possible safeguards for the security of the Force and its members.

As to the financing of the operation the Swedish Government wants to recall that it has decided to make a voluntary contribution in the amount of \$100,000. This decision has been taken without prejudice to my Government's stand on the principle of collective responsibility for the financing of the United Nations operations of this nature. As regards reimbursable costs relative to the Swedish contingent, it is the understanding of my Government that the necessary agreements will be negotiated between the Controller of the United Nations and myself.

The Swedish Government is satisfied that you share its view on the importance of close consultation on problems of mutual concern in connexion with the Swedish participation in the United Nations operation as defined in the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate this note as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Sverker Aström  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
of Sweden to the United Nations

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