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LETTER DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request that you convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council on the situation in Cyprus, in the light of the purported secession declared in the areas of the Republic under Turkish military occupation. This purported secession, in clear violation of specific provisions of repeated resolutions of the Security Council, has created a very explosive situation, gravely threatening the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of the non-aligned Republic of Cyprus, and seriously jeopardizing international peace and security.

On 15 November 1983, the so-called Assembly of the "Turkish Federated State of Kibris" proclaimed an independent State in that part of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus under military occupation by Turkey, in an attempt to secede from the Republic of Cyprus.

It should be recalled that the Security Council, in its resolution 367 (1975) of 12 March 1975, acting upon a complaint by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, regretted the unilateral decision of 13 February 1975 purporting to declare a Federated Turkish State in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus under Turkish military occupation, and expressed its concern over all unilateral actions which had compromised or might compromise the implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions. At the same time, the Security Council called on all States to respect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-alignment of the Republic of Cyprus and urgently requested them, as well as the parties concerned, to refrain from any action which might prejudice that sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-alignment, as well as from any attempt at partition of the island or its unification with any other country. This position of the Security Council has been repeatedly reaffirmed by both the Security Council and the General Assembly.

It is furthermore to be pointed out that the territory intended to become a separate Turkish State has been inhabited by indigenous Greek and Turkish Cypriots in the ratio of 80 to 20 per cent, respectively. By acts of harassment and

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forcible expulsion perpetrated by the forces of occupation, the Greek Cypriot population has been uprooted from their ancestral homes and lands and rendered refugees, while Turkey has implanted thousands of alien settlers to usurp the homes and lands of the expelled.

In view of the critical situation created by this new secessionist move by Turkey and its instruments in Cyprus, my Government requests that the Security Council take urgent and effective action to deal with this grave development in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter.

I should be grateful if this letter were to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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