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ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION
OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES
TO FILL A VACANCY

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its eighteenth session the Commission elected fourteen persons as members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for a three-year term ending 31 December 1965.
2. Mr. Charles Amoun of Lebanon, a member of the Sub-Commission, died on 8 January 1963. The Commission may wish to elect a new member for the remainder of Mr. Amoun's term of office.
3. The Secretary-General has invited States Members of the United Nations to nominate candidates to fill the vacancy. He has received the following communication from the Republic of Cyprus:

"The Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform His Excellency upon instructions that the Government of Cyprus has decided to nominate His Excellency Mr. Zenon Rossides, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations, as a candidate The curriculum vitae of the nominee is enclosed.

Curriculum Vitae

Zenon Rossides, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cyprus to the United States; Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations and Chairman of the Cyprus Delegation to the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the General Assembly; Past Vice-President of the General Assembly (Sixteenth Session) and Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee on Territories under Portuguese Administration.

Born in Cyprus and educated in Cyprus and England, he was called to the bar, Middle Temple, 1923, and practised law in Cyprus until 1954.

He played a prominent role in the organization of the nationalist movement for the liberation of Cyprus and, during the national uprising in October 1931, was placed under arrest for two months and thereafter under confinement within the municipal limits of the village of Kythrea for two years.

Since 1951 he attended several sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, as observer for Cyprus, and participated together with Archbishop Makarios in the Afro-Asian Conference at Bandung.

In 1956, 1957 and 1958 in the capacity of member of the Delegation of Greece to the United Nations General Assembly, he participated in the proceedings of the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth sessions, representing Greece in the Third (Social, Cultural and Humanitarian) Committee.

From March 1959 to February 1960 he represented the Greek-Cypriot community on the London Joint Committee, a conference between Great Britain, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, for the preparation of the Treaty of Establishment of the Republic of Cyprus, including the question of the safeguard of human rights.**

As Chairman of the Cyprus Delegation at the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sessions of the General Assembly, he played a leading role in the discussion of a minority problem, the South Tyrol (Alto Adige), and his delegation was the sponsor of the resolution which was eventually accepted by all sides as a basis for the peaceful solution to this problem.

** Article 5 of that Treaty provides: "The Republic of Cyprus shall secure to everyone within its jurisdiction human rights and fundamental freedoms comparable to those set out in Section I of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms signed at Rome on the 4th of November 1950, and the Protocol to that Convention signed at Paris on 20 March 1952."

In continuation of his long efforts over the years for the promotion of Human Rights, he introduced in the Seventeenth Session in the Third Committee a resolution (A/C.3/L.1024) designed to facilitate the adoption of measures of implementation of the Covenants of Human Rights and consequently to accelerate the conclusion of the said Covenants. The proposed measure received general approbation; the draft resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote (with only one abstention) in the Third Committee and unanimously in Plenary.

Publications on political matters include:

"Self-determination and Other Aspects of the Question of Cyprus"

- London 1930

"The Island of Cyprus and Union with Greece"

- Nicosia 1951, 2nd edition 1953

"The Problem of Cyprus"

- Athens 1958

Various articles (on the question of Cyprus) in the leading British, American and Greek press.
