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Letter dated 4 November 1976 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to our letter of 26 July 1976 (A/31/143/Add.1) and to attach hereto a copy of the section of the Political Declaration of the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries referring to the question of Cyprus, with the request that it be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 118.

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ANNEX

Excerpt from the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of
Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries

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85. The Conference reaffirmed its solidarity with the Government and people of Cyprus and recalled General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX) - endorsed by Security Council resolution 365 (1974) - which continues to provide the principles and the valid framework for the solution of the problem. It also recalled Security Council resolution 367 (1975) and General Assembly resolution 3395 (XXX) as well as the Lima Declaration, which embody principles and conditions advocated by the non-aligned countries through the Contact Group of Five. The Conference noted with satisfaction that the United Nations resolutions called upon all States to respect the non-aligned status of Cyprus.

86. In urging the immediate implementation of United Nations resolutions, the Conference called upon all States to respect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-alignment of Cyprus; demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of foreign armed forces and other foreign military presence from Cyprus; and called for the initiation of urgent measures to ensure the safe return of all refugees to their homes. The Conference supported the continuation of meaningful and constructive negotiations between the representatives of the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities freely conducted on an equal footing, which should lead to a mutually satisfactory and freely acceptable agreement, and emphasized the need for the parties concerned to adhere to the agreements reached at all previous rounds of the talks held under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

87. The Conference further emphasized that all parties should refrain from taking unilateral action in the situation and deplored such action already taken, more particularly arbitrary actions to enforce a change in the demographic structure of the island in whatever way. The situation brought about by such actions should not be allowed to influence the settlement of the Cyprus issue.

88. The Conference considered that the United Nations should take effective measures to ensure the implementation of its resolutions with regard to Cyprus.
