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QUESTION OF CYPRUS

Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. In letters dated 20 and 26 July 1976 (A/31/143 and Add.1), the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations proposed the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly of the item entitled "Question of Cyprus".

2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in the agenda and to consider it directly in plenary meeting on the understanding that the General Assembly would, when considering the item, invite the Special Political Committee to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Special Political Committee.

3. At its 57th plenary meeting, on 8 November, the General Assembly decided to invite the Special Political Committee to hold a meeting on 9 November for the purpose of hearing the views of the representatives of the Cypriot communities. The Assembly also decided that verbatim records should be kept of those meetings of the Special Political Committee. Furthermore, the Assembly decided that it would resume its consideration of the item on 10 November.

4. In accordance with the above-mentioned decision of the General Assembly, the Special Political Committee held a meeting on 9 November, in the course of which it heard a statement by Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, representative of the Greek Cypriot community. The text of this statement is reproduced in the verbatim record of the meeting (A/SPC/31/PV.16).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to submit immediately a report to the General Assembly in accordance with the decision mentioned in paragraph 2 above, bearing in mind the decision of the Assembly to resume consideration of the item on 10 November.