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REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ITEM PROPOSED BY  
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

SUPPORT FROM GREECE FOR TERRORISM IN CYPRUS

Letter dated 12 November 1956 from the Permanent Representative of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United  
Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 12 November 1956

I have the honour, on instructions from Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to refer to my letter dated 12 October 1956, and to transmit to Your Excellency an explanatory memorandum relating to the item "Support from Greece for terrorism in Cyprus" included as No. 5 on the supplementary list of items for the agenda of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly (A/3205).

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Respect for the sovereignty of individual states, and non-intervention in the internal affairs of any state, are basic concepts inherent in the Charter of the United Nations. They have been upheld on numerous occasions in United Nations resolutions. A breach of these principles is clearly a breach of the spirit of the Charter and in particular of the declared aim of the peoples of the United Nations to live together as good neighbours; it is likely to lead to a serious international situation and is a matter of concern to the United Nations.
2. The Greek Government does not dispute that Cyprus is British territory. Nevertheless support from Greece for terrorism in Cyprus has continued over a considerable period. In the hope that the several diplomatic initiatives taken by Her Majesty's Government with all concerned would lead to a settlement, Her Majesty's Government have not hitherto brought the matter before the United Nations. Unfortunately this restraint has been misinterpreted, and Greek interference in the affairs of Cyprus has persisted.
3. Despite representations on more than twenty occasions by Her Majesty's Embassy at Athens to the Greek Government, Athens Radio has continued to support the terrorist organisation EOKA. This radio station, which is under the direct control of the Greek Government, has regularly broadcast special programmes to Cyprus containing incitements to insurrection and violence.
4. In addition, the terrorists in Cyprus have received a considerable quantity of material aid from Greece. This has included the supply of arms and ammunition.
5. Members of the terrorist organization in Cyprus have up to 6 November 1956 murdered 196 persons, of whom 114 were Cypriots. One of the principal purposes of these murders has been to suppress freedom of speech and opinion. This objective has not been disguised by Athens Radio, which has described as "traitors" those Cypriots who exercise their right to oppose the aims of EOKA and the union of Cyprus with Greece and has praised their murderers. It has become increasingly evident, despite their attempts to use the language of democracy, that the object of the terrorists and of those who support them is to secure by forcible means the annexation of Cyprus to Greece.

6. Her Majesty's Government have requested the inscription of this item on the agenda of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly as they believe that the time has come for the United Nations to consider this external attempt to change the status of Cyprus by force and subversion, and the methods used by those in Greece who support terrorism in Cyprus.

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