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Letter dated 27 December 1965 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Reference is made to the resolution on the question of Cyprus adopted by the twentieth session of the General Assembly and to the statement I made on behalf of the delegation of Lebanon at the 1402nd plenary meeting on 18 December 1965 (A/PV.1402, p. 42), explaining our vote in favour of that resolution.

Upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to further state the following:

Lebanon voted in favour of that resolution with the understanding that its provisions were directed towards the preservation of the State of Cyprus as an independent Republic and not as a step towards its union with any other State. Lebanon interprets that resolution as a means of strengthening the maintenance of Cyprus as a sovereign and independent State in the future, in the interest of all its people and of international peace. With this understanding the Lebanese delegation voted in favour of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly.

I will be obliged to you, Sir, if the contents of this letter were to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Souheil CHAMMAS
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
