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COMPLAINT OF NON-COMPLIANCE OF STATES STILL DETAINING MEMBERS OF THE GREEK ARMED FORCES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 382 A (V), ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 1 DECEMBER 1950, RECOMMENDING "THE REPATRIATION OF ALL THOSE AMONG THEM WHO EXPRESS THE WISH TO BE REPATRIATED"

Note by the Secretary-General. In accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly Resolution 702 (VII), the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of Member States, the text of a letter dated 10 June 1953 received from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations.

New York, 10 June 1953

As Your Excellency is aware, resolutions 382 A (V) and 702 (VII), adopted by the General Assembly respectively on 1 December 1950 and 17 March 1953, on the problem of the members of the Greek armed forces still detained outside of Greece, recommended the repatriation of all those among them who express the wish to be repatriated.

I for one had occasion to stress, when the Greek complaint was considered last March, that our purpose was solely to bring about the repatriation of those detained military personnel who freely and without compulsion of any kind would express the wish to be repatriated.

In these circumstances you will agree, Sir, that declarations extorted under duress by the detaining authorities from those under their sway have no standing, either legally or morally, under the aforementioned resolutions. I thought it necessary to call your attention to this point for my Government is in possession of clear evidence that Greek detainees in Budapest are being compelled by force to sign such declarations.

(Signed)

Alexis KYROU
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations