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Letter dated 18 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative  
of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit below the text of a statement dated 18 June 1985 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombo, regarding recent developments in Cyprus.

"Sri Lanka has learned with considerable distress of so-called 'presidential elections' held on 9 June 1985 in the occupied northern part of the Republic of Cyprus.

"This unilateral action is in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. The action is one of a series of secessionist measures which can only aggravate the situation in Cyprus and is therefore strongly condemned by the Government of Sri Lanka.

"Sri Lanka reiterates its full support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, a member of the United Nations and a fellow member of the Commonwealth and the Non-Aligned Movement.

"Sri Lanka has persistently called for the withdrawal of foreign troops from the Republic of Cyprus and the settlement of the question of Cyprus in accordance with Security Council resolutions 365 (1974), 367 (1975), 541 (1983) and 550 (1984). We support the Secretary-General's initiatives for their implementation."

I should be grateful if this statement would be circulated as a document of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nissanka WIJewardane  
Permanent Representative