

United Nations and Cyprus that shall be deemed to have taken effect as from the date of the arrival of the first element of the Force in Cyprus, and shall remain in force until the departure of the Force from Cyprus. The effective date that the departure has occurred shall be defined by the Secretary-General and the Government. The provisions of paragraphs 38, 39 and 40 of these arrangements, relating to the settlement of disputes, however, shall remain in force until all claims arising prior to the date of termination of these arrangements, and submitted prior to or within three months following the date of termination, have been settled.

In conclusion I wish to affirm that the activities of the Force will be guided in good faith by the task established for the Force by the Security Council. Within this context the Force, as established by the Secretary-General and acting on the basis of his directives under the exclusive operational direction of the Commander, will use its best endeavours, in the interest of preserving international peace and security, to prevent a recurrence of fighting and, as necessary, to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order and a return to normal conditions.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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*Reply from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Cyprus to the Secretary-General
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31 March 1964

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 31 March 1964, in which you have proposed that the Republic of Cyprus and the United Nations should make the *ad hoc* arrangements contained therein which define certain of the conditions necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the United Nations Force in Cyprus while it remains in Cyprus. Recalling that by letter of 4 March 1964, I informed you of the agreement of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus to the establishment of the Force, I now have the pleasure to inform you in the name of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus of its full agreement on, and its acceptance of, the terms of your letter.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus agrees, furthermore, that subject to ratification by the Republic of Cyprus, your letter and this reply will be considered as constituting an agreement between Cyprus and the United Nations concerning the status of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Pending such ratification the Government of the Republic of Cyprus undertakes to give provisional application to the arrangements contained in your letter and to use its best efforts to secure the earliest possible ratification of the agreement.

In conclusion, I wish to affirm that the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, recalling the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964 (S/5575),