

their replies to his previous appeals;

*Noting* from the said report of the Secretary-General that circumstances continue to require the presence of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for a further period;

*Noting* that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 26 December 1967;

1. *Reaffirms* its Resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 and its subsequent resolutions as well as its expressions of consensus on this question;

2. *Extends* the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force established under the Council's Resolution 186 for a period of three months ending on 26 March 1968;

3. *Invites* the parties promptly to avail themselves of the good offices proffered by the Secretary-General and requests the Secretary-General to report on the results to the Council as appropriate;

4. *Calls upon* all the parties concerned to continue to show the utmost moderation and restraint and refrain from any act which might aggravate the situation;

5. *Urges* the parties concerned to undertake a new determined effort to achieve the objectives of the Security Council with a view, as requested in the Council's consensus of 24/25 November 1967, to keeping the peace and arriving at a permanent settlement in accordance with the resolutions of the Security Council of 4 March 1964;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of this question and to reconvene for its further consideration as soon as circumstances and developments so require.

The Canadian representative on the Council, in a statement after the vote, pointed out that the resolution placed the three-month extension of UNFICYP in the proper context by emphasizing the need for renewed efforts towards a permanent settlement. The resolution offered hope that the coming weeks would be used to good advantage for the purpose of clarifying various issues which had been raised by the parties. In this connection, it was for the parties themselves to decide whether they chose to rely mainly or solely on the good offices proffered by the Secretary-General; but Canada hoped that the parties would avail themselves of every opportunity to compose their differences, for it was essential that they should do all in their power to press on towards a solution of the underlying problems. The Canadian representative also urged improved co-operation by the parties with UNFICYP and paid tribute to the Secretary-General for his extremely valuable initiatives during the recent crisis.

On December 26, it was announced that the Canadian Government had agreed to maintain its contingent in UNFICYP for a further three months from December 26, in response to a request from the Secretary-General.

Although the Security Council resolution of December 22 opened the way to progress on various aspects of the Cyprus question, political difficulties on the island remained serious, and it was clear that the task of securing agreement on a permanent settlement would require a spirit of compromise, tolerance and patience on the part of all concerned.