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GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

In response to a request made by Mr. Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Hellenic Government has decided, for humanitarian reasons, to make five vessels available to him for transporting Palestinian fighters from the Lebanese port of Tripoli to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, the Yemen Arab Republic, Tunisia and Algeria.

This operation was conceived and carried out in collaboration with the French Government, after consultations with the other Governments concerned, specifically those of Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy and Israel.

Following the consensus arrived at on 3 December 1983 in the Security Council and after consultations with the Secretary-General, the Greek vessels flew the United Nations flag in addition to the national flag throughout the operation.

The evacuation operation took place on 20 December and was carried out successfully.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Mihalís DOUNTAS
Permanent Representative
