

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER ELSEY

Here is the paragraph on United Nations that you requested:

For insertion after first full paragraph on page 12 ending with "principles of the charter".

"We have considered how the United Nations might assist in this crisis. But the situation we must meet is an urgent one requiring immediate action, and the United Nations and its related organizations are not yet in a position to extend assistance of the kind that is required.

"The extension of direct aid by the United States to Greece and Turkey means that the United States is stepping into the breach in order to help maintain conditions in which the United Nations can grow in international confidence and authority. The United States has already taken the lead in the establishment of international agencies designed for the rehabilitation of devastated areas and for long-term economic reconstruction. We will continue to study ways and means through which the United Nations and related international agencies might undertake financial and economic responsibilities in such areas."



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