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Note by the Secretary

Attached is the reply of the Turkish Delegation to the Council note dated 3rd December 1952, sent to Governments in connection with action taken by member countries with respect to manpower problems, pursuant to the Lisbon resolutions.

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REPLY BY THE TURKISH DELEGATION TO THE NOTE ON THE
PROBLEM OF MANPOWER MOVEMENTS

The degree of balance at present obtaining on the Turkish labour market is such as to exclude any possibility of participation by Turkey in international action with respect to the migration of manpower.

The supply of skilled or unskilled labour raises no economic problem for Turkey although the trend is towards unemployment, to which impetus was given by the massive influx, in 1950 and 1951, of Turkish nationals expelled from Bulgaria.

There is little likelihood of any change in the foreseeable future. It is possible, however, that a shortage of skilled workers may develop later as a result of the industrial and economic expansion of the country. Even if this should be the case, calls on foreign labour would be on a very small scale.