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Letter dated 10 July 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 10 July 1986 addressed to you by Mr. Özer Koray, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the fortieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Erkan GEZER
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 10 July 1986 from Mr. Özer Koray
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 10 June 1986 (A/40/1129-S/18144) addressed to you by the Greek Cypriot representative and to state the following:

The military exercises to which Mr. Moushoutas refers in that letter took place within the sovereign borders and airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and, as such, did not violate anybody's airspace, territorial integrity or sovereignty. Prior notification of those exercises was, as usual, duly provided to UNFICYP.

The Greek Cypriot administration representing only the Greek Cypriot people - one of the two peoples of the island with equal political status - has no sovereignty or jurisdiction over the territory of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Sovereignty over this territory belongs to the Turkish Cypriot people. The Greek Cypriot administration, therefore, does not have any constitutional, legal or moral right even to comment upon the affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, let alone to protest.

Sooner or later they will wake up to this fact. We hope it will be sooner.

Mr. Moushoutas also has the audacity to shed tears about the "sensitive phase" of your initiative. We cannot do better than to note that Mr. Moushoutas' letter is dated 10 June 1986 - the very date marking Mr. Kyprianou's letter to you containing his definite rejection of your "Draft Framework Agreement" of 29 March 1986.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the fortieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Özer KORAY
Representative
