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the Secretary-General

While memorial services were being held a week ago in the free territory of the Republic of Cyprus in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the Turkish invasion nine years ago, that same grim anniversary was being celebrated with festivities in both Turkey and in occupied Cyprus as a glorious observance of the so-called "Turkish Peace Operation in Cyprus".

Intentionally ignoring the thousands of murdered victims, the material destruction caused by two rounds of armed conflict in summer 1974 and the deep sufferings brought about by the Turkish Army, the Turkish officials had the insolence to claim that Turkey brought "peace" and "freedom" to Cyprus. As Your Excellency knows, if "peace" and "freedom" exist in occupied Cyprus they are certainly no better than the peace and freedom which can possibly exist in Namibia, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip.

In a show of boastful euphoria, Turkey's envoy in the occupied areas of Cyprus, Mr. Inal Batu, informed his audience during a speech given at Morphou town in occupied Cyprus that "the Morphou and Lefka regions will never be returned" to their rightful owners. If further proof were needed that Turkey invaded Cyprus with the sole aim of imposing a diktat upon its people, that declaration provided fresh evidence. Mr. Batu's statements prove, moreover, that the so-called "Turkish Cypriot administration" has no negotiating power in the intercommunal talks in Cyprus and that the substantive political decisions are taken in Ankara. Such

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declarations also prove - even to those who want to keep their eyes shut to the truth - the expansionist lust of Turkey which invented, for its invasion, a false pretext of a threatened Turkish-Cypriot community. It is revealing in this regard that the Pan-Turkists of Ankara do not voice any anxieties about the millions of ethnic Turks who are citizens of countries (much larger than Cyprus) against which Turkey cannot afford to move.

On the instructions of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency and, through you, to the States Members of the United Nations, my Government's strong denunciation of the unacceptable declarations made at Morphou town by Mr. Inal Batu, envoy of Ankara in the occupied areas of Cyprus.

As Your Excellency well knows, it is the agreed position of the Greek Cypriot and the Turkish Cypriot communities that a solution of the internal problems of Cyprus is to be found within the framework of the intercommunal talks between the representatives of both communities, and not under orders of the Ankara régime. Consequently, the said declarations of Mr. Batu constitute an inadmissible and harmful intervention in the process of the intercommunal talks and are not conducive to promoting a climate of mutual trust necessary for the success of the negotiations.

They violate, moreover, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and utterly disregard resolution 37/253, by paragraph 7 of the General Assembly which "considers the withdrawal of all occupation forces from the Republic of Cyprus as an essential basis for a speedy and mutually acceptable solution of the Cyprus problem". It is self-evident Your Excellency, that unless such interventions in the intercommunal talks by officials of the Ankara administration cease forthwith the support you have received from resolution 37/253 and the world at large - including the Great Powers - in your quest for a just and lasting solution of the problem, will be seriously jeopardized.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 41 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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