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Letter dated 9 December 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a letter dated 3 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations (A/38/565-S/16112).

I should like, upon instructions from my Government, to state most emphatically that the allegations contained in the above communication are utterly false and malicious. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus categorically rejects the groundless Turkish fabrications and openly declares that it neither knows of "Mr. Woodstry", nor has it held any contacts with him or any other person from the régime of South Africa.

The Government and people of the Republic of Cyprus have, since its independence in 1960, joined the international struggle for the eradication of the crime of apartheid practised by the South African régime and have consistently and wholeheartedly given their support to the oppressed people of that country for the achievement of their long-awaited liberation.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus maintains no relations whatsoever with the racist Pretoria régime, it has imposed sanctions against that country and has complied with each and every resolution of the United Nations calling for action by Governments against apartheid. This is not only because Cyprus has always been in the vanguard of the peoples fighting against colonialism, oppression, foreign domination and military occupation, but also because, as a matter of principle, we maintain that the resolutions of the United Nations must be implemented by the Member States without exception.

Turkey's record, on the contrary, vis-à-vis its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations is one of flagrant and gross violations of the very purposes

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and principles of the Charter as well as contemptuous disregard of and affront to numerous resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations.

We find it, therefore, to say the least, ironic that such malicious allegations come from Turkey and its offspring of aggression installed and illegally maintained in that part of the Republic of Cyprus that since 1974 has remained under Turkish military occupation.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus strongly protests against such unfounded allegations emanating from a country like Turkey, which continues to pursue its partitionist and annexationist designs against the Republic of Cyprus through such neo-apartheid policies as mass and flagrant violation of human rights, uprooting of population, forced separation, segregation and division based on racial or ethnic criteria, as well as the purported declaration of sham independence of its illegal offspring similar to the South African bantustanization policies.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 32 and 36, and of the Security Council.

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