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Letter dated 13 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 13 April 1984 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

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

(Signed) A. Coşkun KIRCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 13 April 1984 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 5 April 1984 (A/38/799-S/16468) from the representative of the Greek Cypriot administration and to reiterate the following:

As on previous occasions, the military exercises which Mr. Moushoutas, mischievously and arrogantly, purports to protest took place within the borders and airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and, as such, did not constitute any violation of the territory and airspace of the Greek Cypriot South.

These routine exercises, prior written notification of which had been duly provided to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be viewed as "provocative military exercises", unless, of course, the Greek Cypriot leadership has finally made up their minds to use such imaginary threats as excuses in order to continue with their stockpiling of armaments and to justify such a major arms build-up.

Sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Cyprus has always been shared by the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot wings of the Republic, and according to the 1960 Constitution and the relevant treaties thereof, the Greek Cypriot administration's claim to be the sole guardian of the sovereignty and independence of Cyprus is devoid of any legal basis and hence can only be treated as the figment of a fertile imagination.

I would like to assure Mr. Moushoutas that, as we understand it, the aim of the now dormant intercommunal negotiations is to reach a final agreement on the establishment of a bi-communal, bi-zonal, federal structure to which sovereignty will be transferred by the consent of both peoples of Cyprus. Until and unless this is achieved, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus will continue to exist as a sovereign and independent entity with as much right and responsibility in the sovereignty and independence of Cyprus as the Greek Cypriot South.

I can only hope that the Greek Cypriot leadership will, in future, direct their time and energies towards the search for a negotiated, durable settlement, desisting from such meaningless, futile propaganda ploys which we find totally time-wasting and counter-productive.

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

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the
Turkish Republic of
Northern Cyprus
