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Letter dated 1 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of  
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention and that of the members of the General Assembly and of the Security Council to a new Turkish illegality which aims at the perpetuation of the purported secession of the occupied by Turkey territories of the Republic of Cyprus.

As reported in the Turkish Cypriot press (Yeniduzen of 21 July 1984), the new "currency" of the so-called T.R.N.C., has been printed in Ankara and will be put into circulation within six months. Yeniduzen adds that its information is based on news from the so-called Ministry of Finance of the pseudo-state, as well as on circles of the "Central Bank" in the occupied areas.

The Turkish plan to issue a separate currency in the occupied areas is yet another secessionist action in the long chain of Turkish illegalities, especially after the purported declaration of independence. Such actions, taking place only a few months after the adoption of Security Council mandatory resolutions 541 (1983) of 18 November 1983 and 550 (1984) of 11 May 1984 undermine the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of the Republic of Cyprus, contrary to the expressed provisions of these resolutions.

The decision of the Turkish side to issue a separate "currency" in the occupied territories of the Republic of Cyprus is closely connected with the decision to establish a "Central Bank" (see my letter A/38/825-S/16658 dated 5 July 1984). The allegations put forward, in both cases, i.e. that the materialization of these plans will alleviate the economic plight of the Turkish Cypriots, is a myth which has been repeatedly refuted by the Turkish Cypriot political leaders themselves. Mr. Ozgur, the leader of the Republican Turkish Party (RTP), commenting on the plan to issue separate "currency" (Yeniduzen of 27 July 1984) said, inter alia, that it was obvious that a separate "currency"

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would not solve the economic problems. He said a currency unit based on an economy, which is 70 per cent dependent on Turkey, would only complicate the problems. Mr. Ozgur further noted that to talk about a "T.R.N.C. currency", at a time when the Secretary-General of the United Nations was undertaking initiatives was unnecessary and harmful and was lacking in political seriousness. This threatening attitude, he added, was in the nature of undermining the efforts for peace.

Taking into consideration the seriousness of the situation and the dangers emanating from the above illegalities which gravely threaten to undermine all efforts for peace, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus trusts that Your Excellency will immediately undertake all steps deemed necessary to stop and reverse such developments.

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

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to the United Nations

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