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Letter dated 26 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the joint declaration issued on 1 October 1990 on the occasion of the visit of Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I would be grateful if my letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint declaration issued on 1 October 1990

The Government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Turkey,

Stressing the full political and legal equality of the Turkish Cypriot people in determining the future of Cyprus, as confirmed and enshrined in international treaties, as well as its distinct national, religious and cultural identity in the island,

Taking into account the desire and determination of the Turkish Cypriot people to live in peace and freedom in Northern Cyprus,

Believing in the necessity for the two peoples of the island to live in mutual respect and coexist in peace and security, free from the threat of use of force,

Recalling the comprehensive good will proposals of the Turkish Cypriot people, including its call for a non-aggression agreement between the two sides in the island,

Taking into consideration the ongoing rearmament campaign in South Cyprus and the hostile attitude adopted in all areas by the Greek Cypriot side against the Turkish Cypriot people,

and

Reiterating the continued validity of the system of guarantees as established by the 1960 treaties,

Have decided as follows:

The Turkish Cypriot people who possess the status of equal partnership, will continue to enjoy the full and effective guarantee of the Republic of Turkey, under the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee.

The two Governments will act in full solidarity to counter any use or threat of use of force against the security and the interests of the Turkish Cypriot people.

The parties will deter and repel any act of aggression or violence against the Turkish Cypriot people. For this purpose, they will take all the required political and other measures.

In this context, they will continue to co-operate, as before, with the United Nations Secretary-General and UNFICYP.

The parties will collaborate in order to monitor the arms build-up in South Cyprus which poses a grave threat to peace and stability in the island

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They will continue to draw the attention of the United Nations Secretary-General to the serious implications of this campaign as well as to terrorism-related activities in South Cyprus.

The parties will actively work to overcome and remove the obstacles placed by the Greek Cypriot side to undermine the economic and social development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and especially, the relations of the Turkish Cypriot people with other countries in the fields of transportation, trade, communication, tourism, cultural and sports activities. They will wage a determined struggle against the cruel restrictions imposed on the Turkish Cypriot people and the activities which violate their human rights.

The two Governments, in order to achieve these objectives and to safeguard and promote the rights and interests of the Turkish Cypriot people, confirm their mutual desire to further develop and intensify their political and economic co-operation. In this context, they call on third countries to make increased use of air and seaports in Northern Cyprus, to provide direct international postal services to and from Northern Cyprus, to support the participation of Turkish Cypriots in international sports, cultural and other activities, to eliminate restrictions on tourism and to enable direct flow of international aid to the Turkish Cypriot people.
