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Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 19 December 1990, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Ozer Koray, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

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

(Signed) Mustafa AKSIN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 19 December 1990 from Mr. Özer Koray addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the letter dated 17 December 1990 addressed to you by H.E. Dr. Kenan Atakol, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see appendix).

(Signed) Özer KORAY
Representative of the
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

APPENDIX

Letter dated 17 December 1990 from Dr. Kenan Atakol addressed
to the Secretary-General

In the light of the continued negative campaign of the Greek Cypriot side against resolution 649 (1990), I thought it pertinent to convey to you the appraisal of the Turkish Cypriot side regarding the matter.

Ever since the adoption of resolution 649 (1990) by the United Nations Security Council which, after 27 years of the Cyprus question being on its agenda, has, in the said resolution, adopted the right perspective as regards the status and the relationship of the two sides vis-à-vis each other and clarifying also the basis of the intercommunal talks in Cyprus, the Greek Cypriot side has been at pains to run away from it through a mix of negative actions both at home and abroad.

Turkish Cypriot side, it should be recalled, welcomed and expressed its commitment to all aspects of resolution 649 (1990), considering it as a step in the right direction.

The Greek Cypriot side's immediate grudging response to resolution 649 (1990) has gradually assumed the position of an open and active hostility towards it. By its unilateral and illegal application to the European Community, the Greek Cypriot side has aimed to deal a serious blow to the process of negotiations through undermining the basis of the negotiations for a federal settlement, set out in resolution 649 (1990). The balance and purport of resolution 649 (1990) was thus destroyed.

A demonstrative case in point, that the Greek Cypriot side has no intention of acceding to the terms of resolution 649 (1990) and that they will do anything in order to prevent the situation being seen, and considered, in the light of resolution 649 (1990), has been the reaction of the Greek Cypriot leadership to Your Excellency's report (S/21932) on Cyprus of 7 November 1990.

Evidently, your reference in paragraph 8 of this report to an action plan based on your conviction that "resolution 649 (1990) confirmed and clarified the lines along which a solution was to be sought and that it provided the basis for proceeding with the work" towards a comprehensive settlement, has stirred the Greek Cypriot side. The Greek Cypriot leadership, most notably former Greek Cypriot leader Mr. Kyprianou and the Speaker of the Greek Cypriot House of Representatives, Mr. Lyssarides, have denounced resolution 649 (1990) as not constituting a basis for negotiations.

In public pronouncements, Mr. Lyssarides has described resolution 649 (1990) as a deviation from the rightful track the Cyprus problem should be set upon and in an address to his party on 2 December 1990, he stated, "we are unwillingly sliding towards such a situation that, the day will come when we are face to face with awesome dilemmas ... Security Council resolution 649 (1990) is a classic example of

such a dilemma" (Greek Cypriot daily, Simerini of 3 December 1990). This statement encapsulates the Greek Cypriot mentality towards resolution 649 (1990).

Mr. Vassiliou's latest visit to Athens and the outcome of his talks with the Greek Government dashed any lingering hope of the Greek side returning to the right course. It is striking that, while some other Security Council resolutions were explicitly mentioned by the Greek and Greek Cypriot leaders, no reference at all was made to resolution 649 (1990) and the principles and concepts embodied therein. Instead, it was decided that every international forum will henceforth be abused, together with a pledge to continue on the path of confrontation.

It goes without saying that the Greek Cypriot leadership continues to create further obstacles to the resumption of the intercommunal talks in full contravention of the operative paragraph 5 of resolution 649 (1990) which called on "the parties concerned to refrain from any action that could aggravate the situation". It is also noteworthy that Mr. Vassiliou has also made it clear that the Greek Cypriot side will continue with its arms buildup by integrating its military structure at a higher level to that of Greece.

In view of the highly discouraging state of affairs in the Greek camp, I would like to feel confident that Your Excellency will do whatever is necessary in order to stop the Greek Cypriot side from totally destroying the very basis of the talks and from rendering meaningless your mission of good offices.

(Signed) Dr. Kenan ATAKOL
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Defence

