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Letter dated 20 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 20 September 1982 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, representative of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Coşkun KIRCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 20 September 1982 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 20 September 1982 addressed to Your Excellency by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, President of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the
Turkish Federated State of Kibris

APPENDIX

Letter dated 20 September 1982 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas
to the Secretary-General

In view of the fact that the Cyprus question has been included in the provisional agenda of the forthcoming thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, and bearing in mind that the Greek Cypriot administration will, in all probability, be sending a delegation composed exclusively of Greek Cypriots to represent the Republic of Cyprus, I feel compelled to refer to my previous communications addressed to the Secretary-General (A/9791-S/11531 of 4 October 1974; A/10256-S/11825 of 19 September 1975; A/31/261 of 11 October 1976; A/32/233-S/12403 of 27 September 1977; A/33/336-S/12905 of 24 October 1978; A/34/478 of 18 September 1979; A/35/449-S/14173 of 12 September 1980 and A/36/486-S/14681 of 10 September 1981) and, in order to prevent any possible future misunderstanding, to reiterate the view and stand of the Turkish Cypriot side as regards the proper and legitimate representation of the bi-national Republic of Cyprus.

As Your Excellency is well aware, the 1960 Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus contains expressed provisions about the participation of the Turkish and Greek Cypriot wings of the Republic in the administration of the State and in all its organs. This is an immutable fact. It is also an undeniable fact, duly recorded in the Secretary-General's various reports to the Security Council, that, since the pre-planned Greek Cypriot onslaught on the Turkish Cypriots in December 1963, the Turkish Cypriot side has been prevented, by force of arms, from playing its legitimate role in the bi-communal Government of Cyprus. As you are aware, the two parties to the Cyprus problem, namely, the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot sides, have been negotiating the re-establishment of a legitimate Government on the agreed formula of a bi-zonal, bi-communal federal State. Consequently, it is now, and has always been, legally and constitutionally impossible for either one of the two co-founder partners of the independence and sovereignty of Cyprus to represent the whole of the State without the consent and participation of the other.

It should, therefore, be induced from the above that the Greek Cypriot administration's continued attempts at representing Cyprus as a whole at international forums are, ipso jure, null and void and, by the same reasoning, anything said or done by such a delegation, or anything that it may undertake to do, will not be binding on the Turkish Cypriot community.

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(Signed) Rauf R. DENKTAŞ
President of the
Turkish Federated State of Kibris
