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Letter dated 13 June 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention, and that of the States members of the Security Council and of the General Assembly, to a Reuter's dispatch from Ankara on 7 June 1986 according to which the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. Ozal, will make his first visit to the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus from 2 to 4 July 1986. The aforesaid information was disclosed to Reuters by a Turkish Government spokesman on 7 June 1986 and, according to Reuters, diplomats said Mr. Ozal was likely to use the visit to renew Turkish support for the illegal entity in the occupied areas.

The international community has taken an unequivocal position with regard to the Turkish aggression and continuing occupation of nearly 40 per cent of the Republic of Cyprus. The international community has also categorically condemned the purported declaration of the secessionist entity, the offspring of aggression, in the occupied areas. Security Council resolution 541 (1983) considered the declaration of the pseudo-state in the occupied areas as legally invalid and called for its withdrawal. Security Council resolution 550 (1984) condemned the secessionist actions, including the purported exchange of Ambassadors between Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership, declared them illegal and invalid and called for their withdrawal. It reiterated the call upon all States not to recognize the purported state of the "TRNC" set up by secessionist acts and called upon them not to facilitate or in any way assist the aforesaid secessionist entity. It also requests the Secretary-General to promote the urgent implementation of Security Council resolution 541 (1983).

The announcement of the forthcoming visit of Mr. Ozal in the occupied areas constitutes yet another Turkish provocation, which comes at a highly sensitive phase of the Cyprus problem. This new Turkish provocation flagrantly violates the provisions of solemn Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984) and provides additional proof of Turkey's affront and contempt to the United Nations. Furthermore, Ankara's duplicity is once again revealed and its partitionist and expansionist designs are nakedly exposed.

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The Turkish Prime Minister's decision to visit the occupied areas, if materialized, would seriously endarger peace in the island and would strike a heavy blow at all efforts for the finding of a solution. One should not underestimate the grave repercussions that such serious deterioration of the situation would entail for peace and security in the area and the world at large. Coming at a time of an escalation of Turkish provocations and threats and at a period of decisive and crucial moves concerning the further course of the Cyprus problem this new Turkish audacious action, which adds insult to injury, is intended to threaten and blackmail in order to impose Turkey's unacceptable positions.

In connection with the aforesaid announcement of the Turkish Premier's visit, the President of the Republic of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, has said, inter alia, the following:

"Turkey proves and confirms that the only thing she is interested in, is to impose a solution to her liking that would facilitate the promotion of her partitionist and expansionist designs against Cyprus. Besides, these actions of Turkey underline that the substance of the Cyprus problem is the Turkish occupation.

"Consequently those who are really interested in the promotion of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem should, regardless of interests, alliances and expediencies, address the substance of the Cyprus problem and turn to Ankara. It is to the latter that they should direct the advice and pressures. For, undoubtedly, a solution to the Cyprus problem presupposes primarily a radical change in the Turkish attitude and abandonment of Turkey's partitionist and expansionist designs against Cyprus."

In strongly protesting on behalf of my Government this new Turkish provocation, I trust that Your Excellency will take immediate action, as warranted by the situation, in order to arrest and reverse such ominous developments and to ensure full compliance with Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, in particular Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984).

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the fortieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44, and of the Security Council.

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