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Letter dated 18 March 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention provocative recent statements made by the Turkish Cypriot leader Mr. Rauf Denktash, wherein he threatens to declare an independent state and to reopen Greek Cypriot hotels in Varosha.

As reported by the clandestine Turkish Cypriot radio station (Bayrak) on 16 March 1980, Mr. Denktash stated the following:

"We are independent anyway, despite the word 'federation' on our name ... With our soil, our soldiers, our constitution, our government and all the organs of our government, we are fully independent in every field and we are a state and a government equal to the Greek Cypriots."

Mr. Denktash declared that

"the issue consists of recognition and requesting other states to recognize us".

He furthermore threatened again that

"at least a few (Greek-Cypriot owned) hotels in Famagusta should be reopened in the near future".

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It is to be regretted that, at a delicate time when Your Excellency is carrying out intensive efforts for the resumption of the intercommunal talks, Mr. Denktash resorts to these inflammatory and provocative statements obviously aimed at undermining your efforts and, thus, manifesting the true partitionist intentions of the Turkish side.

While lodging a strong protest on behalf of my Government, I wish to express the earnest hope that Your Excellency will find it possible to intervene effectively with a view to putting an end to this unacceptable attitude which could seriously hamper the efforts for the resumption of the intercommunal talks.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Michael EL SHERIFIS  
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