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Letter dated 9 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of  
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the provocative statement of Mr. Denktash, published in Kibris Postasi on 5 October 1986, which constitutes another revealing piece of evidence, in fact, a confession of the Turkish Cypriot leader with regard to the true relationship existing between Turkey and its illegal entity in the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus.

Mr. Denktash interviewed in the Turkish Cypriot daily Kibris Postasi on the issue of Turkey's economic aid to the so-called Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, is quoted to have told the Ankara authorities the following:

"You cannot stand up and say we can cut the aid to you. ... If you cut the aid, you cut your own arm in Cyprus from the point of Turkey's strategic interests in Cyprus. By aiding north Cyprus, you are at the same time sustaining your (Turkey's) strategic interests in Cyprus ... The Turkish people here (Cyprus) are Turkey's vanguard and observers for these strategic interests ..."

I have quoted the gist of the statement of Mr. Denktash, which is extensive. The statement is self-explanatory and I need not say much except that it is yet another public admittance by the spokesman of Ankara in the occupied areas as to the role forced upon the Turkish Cypriot community in order to serve the chauvinism of Ankara.

The Government of Cyprus has time and again brought before the international community the expansionist and annexationist designs of Turkey with regard to Cyprus.

I do believe therefore that it is high time that the Turkish hypocrisy be exposed. Mr. Denktash's statement in this respect offers a good opportunity.

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I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

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