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Letter dated 6 January 1987 from the Permanent Representative  
of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

Upon instructions of my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention and that of the membership of the General Assembly and of the Security Council a most provocative statement made by the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. Turut Ozal.

As reported in the Turkish Cypriot press (Halkin Sesi, 3 January 1987), the Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr. Ozal, speaking in Silifke, south Turkey, boasted that Turkey could ignore international reactions against the Turkish invasion and faits accomplis in Cyprus. He recalled that years ago an embargo was imposed on Turkey because of these illegal actions, and when he came to power some countries started looking at Turkey in a hostile manner, because at that time, the 'TRNC' was proclaimed in the occupied areas of Cyprus. He then boastfully proceeded to state ... "When you are powerful, nobody can look at you in a hostile manner ... We held 'presidential elections', a 'referendum' and 'general elections' in Cyprus, and we have consolidated the 'TRNC' ... Nobody can say anything".

To this unacceptable Turkish statement, which obviously is an affront to the international community and constitutes a complete negation of what the United Nations stands for, the President of the Republic of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, gave the following cogent reply on 3 January 1987:

"In his statement at Silifke, Turkey, the Turkish Prime Minister boasted about his Government's policy on the Cyprus problem and about all the secessionist actions that Turkey instigated in the occupied part of Cyprus, including the illegal proclamation of the pseudo-state of Mr. Denktash. This public admission by Mr. Ozal proves the self-evident fact that what takes place in the occupied part of Cyprus is being decided upon by Turkey, in line with its partitionist and expansionist policies and is contrary to the true

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interests of the Turkish Cypriots. That, however, which really constitutes a profound provocation of the international community is the cynical and arrogant contempt displayed by Mr. Ozal for the United Nations resolutions on Cyprus ... for, in addition to its being insulting to the members of the Security Council and to the Secretary-General, it should also be of grave concern to them."

Our President continued, "It is not possible for Cyprus to enforce the law alone. The international community could, however, enforce the law, especially the United Nations Security Council, which has the main responsibility to prevent Mr. Ozal from pursuing his policy of piracy and state terrorism against Cyprus and its people. To continue to confront in a passive way the expansionist policy of Turkey against Cyprus will lead to the complete breakdown of the prestige and credibility of the United Nations." And the President of Cyprus emphatically concluded, "neither threats, nor violence and the military might of Turkey, about which Mr. Ozal himself boasts, will ever force us to succumb or accept the Turkish diktats".

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the forty-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

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