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QUESTION OF CYPRUS

Letter dated 18 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
General Assembly

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 13 September 1979 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 21 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 18 September 1979 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the
President of the General Assembly

It has come to my knowledge that the Greek Cypriot Administration would be sending a Greek Cypriot delegation, headed by Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, purporting to represent "Cyprus as a whole" at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Therefore, under instructions from my Government, I am once again compelled to address Your Excellency on the question of the representation of Cyprus and to bring to your kind attention the following legal and factual considerations:

The 1960 Constitution contains express provisions about the participation of the Turkish and Greek communities in the administration of the State and in all its organs. As the foundations of the Republic of Cyprus are based on the existence of two distinct national communities, it is legally impossible for either community to represent the whole of the State without the consent of the other. However, since the expulsion by force of the Turkish Cypriot component from the government machinery in 1963, in pursuance of the Greek Cypriot aim of uniting Cyprus with Greece, there has existed no central government in Cyprus capable of representing or speaking on behalf of Cyprus as a whole.

Presently, there exist two separate autonomous administrations in Cyprus, each representing its own respective region on the island, pending a final solution of the problem of Cyprus. The existence of two separate autonomous administrations in Cyprus was recognized by the declaration at Geneva on 30 July 1974. a/ General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX), adopted on 1 November 1974, also recognizes the existence of the two national communities in Cyprus and stresses that the question of Cyprus can only be solved through negotiations on an equal footing between the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities. Furthermore, this principle of equality was endorsed by the Denktas-Makarios framework agreement of 12 February 1977, b/ which was confirmed in the summit meeting of 19 May 1979.

Under these circumstances, the Greek Cypriot Administration's continued attempts to represent Cyprus as a whole at international forums in complete disregard of the above facts constitute a complete violation of article 6 of the agreement of 19 May and of General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX) and are obviously devoid of any legal basis.

a/ See Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-ninth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1974, document S/11398.

b/ See ibid., Thirty-second Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1977, document S/12323.

In view of the above, I wish to stress that the representation of the Republic of Cyprus by Mr. Spyros Kyprianou and/or by any of his aids at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly will amount to allowing the Greek Cypriot Administration to consolidate its unconstitutional status as the so-called Government of Cyprus, and affording it with the opportunity to continue its policy of discrimination against the Turkish Cypriot community. It would also encourage this Administration to continue on its present intransigent policy as regards the intercommunal talks, and would thus hamper prospects for a just and lasting solution of the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 21 of the provisional agenda.

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