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Letter dated 13 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose 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, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 13 September 1979 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a telex message dated 6 September 1979 addressed to Your Excellency by Mr. Kenan Atakol, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Tourism of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this telex message were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 21 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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

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APPENDIX

Message dated 6 September 1979 from Mr. Kenan Atakol
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the recent Greek Cypriot hysteria about the "imminent" proclamation of independence by the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, which was distributed to all Governments in the form of an aide-mémoire on 2 August 1979.

It is for us, Your Excellency, an unenviable task to have to deal daily with insidious Greek Cypriot propaganda. In connexion with the latest outburst, however, we need not exert ourselves in order to refute it and show to the world that it is nothing more than a malicious effort, designed once again to mislead world public opinion and prepare the ground for further internationalization of the Cyprus problem, thus hampering the efforts to resume serious intercommunal talks which, given goodwill, may lead us to a just and durable solution on the basis of a bizonal, federal, non-aligned republic.

The following statement on this issue by the former Greek Cypriot negotiator Mr. Papadopoulos, published in the Greek Cypriot Daily Simerini on 12 August 1979, suffices to prove beyond any doubt the shameful attempt by the Greek Cypriot leaders to deceive and mislead world public opinion:

"I have no information or evidence to show any activity by the Turkish Cypriots to proclaim independence. I am merely reading exaggerated Greek Cypriot press reports and overstatements by the Greek Cypriot spokesman. Most of these are distorted and exaggerated reports attributed to Turkish Cypriots. For example, I studied the reports headlined, 'Çağatay also threatening to proclaim independence'. When I read Mr. Çağatay's statement, I saw that he had made no such threat. Simultaneously I noticed reports that the Greek Cypriot side had embarked on an enlightenment campaign in a well-organized, orchestrated fashion and was making successful initiatives! All these indicate that the rumours of tension that have been created are artificial and that this is the creation of the Greek Cypriot Government and press ... This attitude is wrong and is as serious as criminal behaviour. Unfortunately, this attitude, which aimed at the glorification of some people, is a very dangerous trick because, by calling upon others to save us in the face of non-existent danger, we lose our credibility and give them the opportunity not to come to our help in case of real danger."

It should by now be crystal clear to the whole world that the real aim of Greek Cypriot administration is not to come to a negotiated, acceptable settlement with the Turkish Cypriot community, the co-founder partner of the Republic of Cyprus, but to waste time, as part of its "long-term struggle" policy, around the international forums, in order to perpetuate the present situation, which leaves

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it in a strong position as the usurper of the title of the "Government of Cyprus" and the recipient of the full share of international aid and credit given to Cyprus.

I can assure you, Your Excellency, that no other interested party could desire a settlement of the Cyprus problem more than the Turkish Cypriot community, which had to live under relentless Greek Cypriot harassment until 1974 and under economic embargo for the last 16 years.

I will take this opportunity to reiterate once again that the Turkish Cypriot community is ready to enter into a serious dialogue with the Greek Cypriots on the basis of equality with a view to finding a just and durable solution to the Cyprus problem within the framework of the Denktas-Makarios agreement of 12 February 1977, which was confirmed in the summit meeting in Nicosia on 19 May 1979, under Your Excellency's auspices. The Greek Cypriot delaying tactics and the deception of the world at large on the facts of Cyprus cannot obliterate the glaring fact that, unless the two autonomous administrations speedily agree to set up a bizonal federal republic, the shape of things to come will inevitably be on the basis of utter separation of the two communities in all fields of life, which is a state of affairs cast over the Turkish community since December 1963 by the Greek Cypriot wing's armed elements in what was a bicomunal society. The ejection of the partner community from this bicomunal republic by force of arms and the refusal for 16 years to accept it back as a co-founder partner community cannot but lead Cyprus to further division. Shouting "wolf" will not stop this trend of events, because the Turkish community cannot live in a political vacuum forever. Let us hope that the Greek Cypriot side will see this basic reality and will choose honest negotiations instead of hysterical false propaganda.

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

Kenan ATAKOL
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Defence and Tourism of the
Turkish Federated State of
Cyprus
