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Letter dated 27 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your urgent attention, and that of the members of the Security Council and the General Assembly, the recent provocative statements of the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. Turгут Ozal, and of the Foreign Minister of Turkey, Mr. Vahit Halefoğlu.

The Turkish Prime Minister, in a statement to the illegal Bıyrak Radio-TV on 23 April 1987, said: "In Cyprus the territories have already been defined ... The coexistence of the two communities (Greek and Turkish Cypriot), with different language and religion, has no meaning ...".

Furthermore, the Foreign Minister of Turkey recently said that Turkey has the defensive right to protect the illegal Denktash régime in the Turkish-occupied part of Cyprus from military attacks. "Every country", Mr. Halefoğlu said, "has military weapons to defend its own interests ...".

The above brazen statements of the Turkish officials undoubtedly reveal, once again, the Turkish separatist and expansionist policies. Mr. Ozal and Mr. Halefoğlu do not even maintain the basic pretexts. The Republic of Cyprus, with its internationally recognized Government, is an independent State Member of the United Nations, and any linkage of this sovereign State with the so-called "interests" of Turkey or with her alleged defensive rights is unacceptable and condemnable. The persistent non-compliance of Turkey with solemn Security Council decisions on the question of Cyprus clearly reveals the segregationist and partitionist designs of the Turkish aggressors, having as a goal the annexation of the occupied areas. No wonder their deliberate contempt and outright undermining of the implementation of the United Nations resolutions aiming at the finding of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

The continuing massive transfer of Turkish settlers to colonize the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus is reminiscent of South Africa's policies of separation and bantustanization, while the quantitative and qualitative increase of the Turkish occupation army, as well as the persistent creation of new faits accomplis and new threats and blackmails on the part of Turkey, are an outright affront to the prestige of the Security Council, the provisions of the Charter and the United Nations in general.

Ankara's actions and words demonstrate once more, if that were necessary, its arrogance and duplicity, and prove that its policy in Cyprus continues to be based on separatist and apartheid-like policies and expansionism. Mr. Ozal can rightly claim the title of the promoter of racism and apartheid-like policies, which for decades now the international community has been striving to eradicate.

In strongly protesting the above statements of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of Turkey, I wish to point out that they not only obstruct any positive developments but constitute yet another stumbling block to your efforts to find a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

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

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