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Letter dated 11 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of  
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your urgent attention and that of the membership of the Security Council and the General Assembly certain grave developments in Cyprus, perpetrated by Turkey, which are in direct violation of Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) of 18 November 1983 and 550 (1984) of 11 May 1984.

According to the Turkish Cypriot press (Bozkurt of 10 April 1987), Mr. E. Kumcuoglou presented his "credentials" to Mr. Denktash on 9 April 1987 as Turkey's new "ambassador" to the illegal offspring of its aggression in the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus.

This provocative action, which constitutes yet another example of Turkish arrogance and intransigence, tends to undermine even further any efforts exerted towards finding a just and lasting solution to the problem of Cyprus.

Turkey's manifest defiance of the solemn decisions of the Security Council seriously debilitates the authority and erodes the credibility of the United Nations.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus strongly denounces this new Turkish illegality, which it considers null and void, as being in direct violation of the letter and spirit of Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984). Paragraph 2 of resolution 550 (1984) specifically declared that the Security Council "condemns all secessionist actions, including the purported exchange of ambassadors between Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership, declares them illegal and invalid and calls for their immediate withdrawal".

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to protest most emphatically this new Turkish affront, which comes at a critical phase of the Cyprus problem that is already aggravated by the increased militarization of the areas occupied by Turkey.

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It is earnestly hoped that you will find ways and means to arrest and reverse such Turkish illegalities that so blatantly violate international law and the United Nations Charter, thus posing a serious threat to peace and security in Cyprus, as well as in the eastern Mediterranean region.

I should be grateful if this letter could be 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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to the United Nations

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