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Letter dated 13 May 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 a most provocative statement made by the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Denktash.

As reported by the Reuters News Agency, Mr. Denktash stated on 11 May 1987 that he "would decline further talks on the Cyprus problem with the Greek Cypriots, if they took the issue to the United Nations". He further told Reuters he had rejected the "parallel talks" through the United Nations, as proposed by the Secretary-General. He went on to say that he had already warned the Greek Cypriots that "if you go to the General Assembly and you take another one-sided resolution, you will not find us in the same status and in the same inclination to continue the talks with you".

By his above-mentioned statement to Reuters News Agency, Mr. Denktash attempted once again, through threats and blackmail, to dictate the terms of his masters, the Turkish aggressors, not only to the sovereign Government of the Republic of Cyprus, but to the international community as such. The tone and contents of Mr. Denktash's statement, prompted by Ankara, constitute an insult and show contempt directed against the United Nations, a fact which you and the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council should particularly note. The international community has taken the unequivocal position that the Cyprus problem is an international problem of invasion and occupation, as well as one of flagrant violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Cyprus as a whole. We have stated repeatedly and we reiterate that without the solution of the basic aspects of the problem and, more specifically, without the complete withdrawal of the Turkish occupation troops and the settlers, the safeguarding of

the future of the Cyprus State, through strong international guarantees, and the securing of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Cyprus people, there can be no solution to the Cyprus problem. The foundations and basic elements for a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem are envisaged by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of a host of United Nations resolutions, which Turkey has contemptuously and systematically violated and disregarded by continuing its aggression and occupation of nearly 40 per cent of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus and by promoting its partitionist and expansionist designs.

It is precisely because of this arrogance of the Turkish aggressors that we firmly adhere to the priorities set in the letter dated 10 June 1986 from the President of the Republic of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, addressed to you, as well as to the necessity of convening an international conference for the solution of the international aspect of the Cyprus problem.

In strongly protesting on behalf of my Government the above-mentioned statement of Mr. Denktash, I wish to point out that such Turkish outbursts of threats and provocations cannot but raise serious concerns as to the aggressor's sinister intentions for creating new illegalities. Ankara's undisguised partitionist and expansionist designs continue to be directed against the Republic of Cyprus, thus inevitably sustaining tension and creating imminent dangers for peace, as well as further obstacles in your efforts for a just solution of the Cyprus problem.

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

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to the United Nations
