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Letter dated 24 November 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 draw your attention and that of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council to the announced visit of the Turkish President, General Kenan Evren, to the areas of the Republic of Cyprus occupied by the Turkish armed forces since 1974. The said announcement was made by the Turkish State Minister in Charge of Cypriot Affairs, Mr. Abdullah Tenekeci, while visiting the pseudo State.

The United Nations has taken an unequivocal position with regard to the purported secession of the areas of the Republic of Cyprus occupied by Turkey. Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984) condemned the declaration of the purported secession as well as subsequent secessionist actions, considering them legally invalid, and called for their withdrawal. They also reiterated the call upon all States not to recognize the purported pseudo State and called upon them not to facilitate or in any way assist the secessionist entity.

Moreover, the international community has since 1974 categorically condemned the Turkish aggression and continuing occupation of Cyprus territory. The General Assembly and the Security Council have adopted numerous resolutions on the Cyprus question, which remain unimplemented because of Turkey's arrogant flouting and violation of their provisions.

The announced visit of President Kenan Evren to the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus constitutes yet another crude provocation and violation of the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and an affront to the United Nations as well. General Evren's decision strikes a heavy blow, in particular, at the very authority of the Security Council, whose decisions are of mandatory nature and which the Members of the United Nations have an obligation to carry out.

In strongly protesting on behalf of my Government this new Turkish provocation, I trust that Your Excellency will undertake all appropriate actions to ensure that Turkey fully complies with the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, in particular resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984).

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 46, and of the Security Council.

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