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Letter dated 8 January 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 8 January 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 the item entitled "Question of Cyprus", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 8 January 1979 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a communication dated 29 December 1978 addressed to you by Mr. Zenon Rossides, the so-called "Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations", which was circulated as a United Nations document (A/34/51-S/12987) on 3 January 1979.

I should like to state most emphatically that the allegations contained in the above communication regarding the establishment of a new political party in the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus by Mr. Ismail Tezer, a retired colonel and a Turkish national, are utterly false and malicious. The Turkish Federated State authorities have never given consent to the establishment of such a party in the north, and hence the said "party" is completely illegal. In fact, as soon as news came out that the establishment of this alleged party was being announced, the Turkish Federated State authorities took prompt action and started legal prosecution against the said individual. It goes without saying that the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus does not in the least approve of this affair and will bring those responsible for it before the courts of justice.

Meanwhile, I should like to reiterate the Turkish Cypriot community's indignation at the attempt of Mr. Rossides to exploit this matter by distorting the facts and blowing it out of proportion in order to cause embarrassment for Turkey and the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus. There is no doubt that this attitude is not compatible with goodwill and does not enhance prospects for the resumption of the intercommunal talks.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Question of Cyprus", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative
