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Letter dated 22 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 22 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

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Letter dated 22 January 1979 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the  
Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the latest campaign of slanderous attacks and malicious propaganda by the Greek Cypriot leadership against the Turkish Cypriots.

The television programmes of the Greek Cypriot Administration, under the direction of Mr. Triandafillides, are constantly full of insults and degrading remarks about the Turkish Cypriot community and Turkey. The programme carried on Wednesday evening, 10 January 1979, constituted a flagrant display of Greek Cypriot chauvinism and bad faith. As is known, Mr. Triandafillides is not an ordinary Greek Cypriot and the timing of his disgusting programme is very significant. He is the so-called Chief Justice of the Greek Cypriot community and is one of the advisers to the Greek Cypriot interlocutor at the intercommunal talks. Therefore, the programmes he prepares reflect the official Greek Cypriot views and position and, what is more, the content and timing of the shameful programme conducted by Mr. Triandafillides is significant. Because, within 24 hours of the delivery of the Turkish Cypriot reply to Your Excellency and less than 12 hours after the delivery of the Greek Cypriot reply, participants on Mr. Triandafillides' programme declared:

"It is the duty of the Greek Cypriot Church to continue the Cyprus struggle until the island is totally Hellenized and the Greek flag flies all over Cyprus. The Church must use all its means and indeed sell its last candlestick and, if need be, the clergy must sell their cloaks to buy arms to conduct the struggle."

Therefore, as can be seen, Mr. Triandafillides acts as the judge, jury and the defendant. Other speakers spoke of the boundary of the Greek Cypriot "State" and declared that the line was the "shores of Kyrenia". The same speakers and others repeated the usual Greek Cypriot chauvinist rhetoric of "throwing the enemy back to the sea" and similar slogans, while Mr. Triandafillides urged them to continue with their slander with a view to inculcating in the Greek Cypriot viewers chauvinism and hate against the Turkish Cypriot co-inhabitants of the island.

Furthermore, the Greek Cypriot leadership has adopted "chauvinism" as its educational policy, a fact which was publicly declared at the Theological Conference, held at the Philoxenia Hotel in Nicosia on Wednesday, 3 January 1979.

In his address to the Conference, the leader of the Greek Cypriot community, Mr. Kyprianou, called on the Greek Cypriot Orthodox Church to mobilize all its forces to create a new generation to continue the "Cyprus struggle". He said:

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"You are not here to examine only a matter from the scientific point of view. You are here to find out how you can create a new generation, determined to remain in the vanguard of the struggle, a generation which will be psychologically, spiritually and in every respect ready to contribute to the struggle."

Addressing the Conference after Mr. Kyprianou, Archbishop Chrisostomos of the Greek Cypriot Orthodox Church declared:

"The official education policy of the State is Hellenism and Christianity. We are waging a liberation struggle as Hellenes and Christians. We have great responsibilities. Through religion, we can bring up fighters for freedom and justice confident of themselves."

In strongly protesting those anti-Turkish actions on behalf of my Government, I should like to emphasize that the contents of Mr. Triandafillides' programmes and the chauvinistic attitude of the Greek Cypriot leaders are very significant in exposing the true intentions of the Greek Cypriot leadership towards the Turkish Cypriot community.

Furthermore, those provocative statements are definitely in contrast to Your Excellency's efforts at a time when Your Excellency, together with the Turkish Cypriot side, is sparing no effort to resume the intercommunal talks with a view to reaching a fair and lasting settlement without further loss of time.

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

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