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Letter dated 29 July 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention and strongly protest a statement made on 25 July 1980 by the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Denktash, who saw fit to further undermine current efforts to bring about the resumption of meaningful and substantive intercommunal talks by resorting to provocative declarations which all but thwart the much awaited and worked for resumption of the dialogue. Thus, what other purpose could be served by his public pronouncement that "in Cyprus today, there exist two independent States", clearly implying that any negotiations will aim at the legalization of the faits accomplis of the invasion? What else but provocative is his assertion that the so-called "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus", which was created by the might of a foreign army and the establishment of which was rejected by the Security Council, has acquired status within the meaning of international law, equal to that of a legitimate government recognized as such by all States and international organizations alike?

Allow me to reiterate today my Government's position that the intercommunal talks should commence without further delay, in a meaningful and result-oriented manner on the basis of the 19 May 1979 10-Point Agreement 1/ which, as I had occasion only a few days ago to point out, incorporates both the February 1977 guidelines and the United Nations resolutions on Cyprus. It is my Government's basic position that such dialogue should be free from any pre-conditions whatever from either side.

It is our earnest hope that provocative statements, like the ones that Mr. Denktash has been resorting to of late, will cease, and that your current efforts will succeed in bringing about a meaningful resumption of the intercommunal dialogue which may lead to a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem, in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, to the benefit of all Cypriots and of peace in the area.

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1/ See A/34/620 and Corr.1, annex V.

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I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 23 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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