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Letter dated 23 February 1981 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 23 February 1981 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Coşkun KIRCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 23 February 1981 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 19 February 1981 addressed to Your Excellency by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, President of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the
Turkish Federated State
of Kibris

APPENDIX

Letter dated 19 February 1981 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas
to the Secretary-General

It will be recalled that the question of Cyprus was not debated at the thirty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly because it was felt by all concerned that an acrimonious debate on the Cyprus problem and the adoption of one-sided resolutions (such as the unconstructive resolution 34/30 of 20 November 1979 adopted by the Assembly at its previous session) would not be helpful to the efforts being made to find a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the problem through the current intercommunal talks which began on 9 August 1980 under your auspices.

Following this example of reason and common sense set by the General Assembly, when I and my delegation from the Turkish Federated State of Kibris attended the Third Islamic Summit Conference at Taif, Saudi Arabia, last month, we decided not to make any statement which we might otherwise have made explaining our just cause to the Islamic Conference, and not to seek a debate or discussion on the Cyprus problem. Thus, the Cyprus question, although remaining on the agenda of the Conference was, as in the case of the United Nations General Assembly, not debated at the Islamic Conference.

It was clearly understood that the Greek Cypriot Administration, when attending the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned States in New Delhi, would likewise follow our example at the Islamic Conference and the precedent of the General Assembly and, on this occasion, would not exploit the Non-Aligned Conference (as they had done in the past) for political propaganda or act in any way which might jeopardize the outcome of the talks. I and the Government of our Federated State were, therefore most disappointed to learn that not only did Mr. Rolandis, the Foreign Minister of the Greek Cypriot Administration, make a most unconstructive and harmful statement at the Conference indulging in propaganda, but the Greek Cypriot Administration was also instrumental in having included in the final communiqué, issued at the end of the Non-Aligned Conference, a paragraph on Cyprus, which contains misleading and most harmful elements. The communiqué purports to declare solidarity with the unlawful and unconstitutional Greek Cypriot Administration, which it refers to as "the Government of Cyprus", and with the "people" of Cyprus (meaning presumably the Greek Cypriot people) omitting any reference to solidarity with the Turkish people of Cyprus. Furthermore, by the inclusion in the final communiqué of a reference to "the Non-Aligned decisions and declarations", the erroneous, misleading and harmful impression is given that the current intercommunal talks are being held on the basis also of the said "Non-Aligned decisions and declarations", whereas the whole world knows, and the Greek Cypriot Administration and Foreign Ministers of the non-aligned States should know, that the current talks are being held, as stated in point 2 of the ten-point agreement of 19 May 1979, a/

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

on the basis of "the Makarios-Denktaş guidelines of 12 February 1977 and the United Nations resolutions relevant to the Cyprus question". It will also be recalled that, in your opening statement b/ at the commencement of the current talks on 9 August 1980, you had stated that the parties had agreed to resume the intercommunal talks "on the basis of the high level agreements of 12 February 1977 and 19 May 1979". The inclusion, therefore, of a reference to "the Non-Aligned decisions and declarations" in the final communiqué of the Non-Aligned Conference is not only misleading and dishonest but is also a gross violation of points 2 and 6 of the ten-point agreement of 19 May 1979 and the first paragraph of your opening statement of 9 August 1980.

In conclusion, I need hardly reiterate that the Turkish people of Cyprus does not consider itself bound by any decisions on Cyprus, taken in its absence and behind its back, at the Non-Aligned Conference or at any other international conference or forum at which it is not represented and heard.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rauf R. DENKTAŞ
President of the Turkish
Federated State of Kibris
