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Letter dated 9 March 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention, as well as to that of the members of the Security Council, a new provocative act by the Government of Turkey, directed against the unity, independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus, while at the same time it undermines the negotiating process currently carried out under the aegis of your Special Representative in Cyprus.

Thus, in its 1981 list of Foreign Diplomatic Missions in Ankara, the Turkish Foreign Ministry includes the so-called "Mission of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris" and cites as "National Day", the 13th of February, i.e., the day when the "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus" was declared in 1975. It may be recalled that the Security Council, in paragraph 2 of its resolution 367 (1975) of 12 March 1975, regretted "the unilateral decision of 13 February 1975 declaring that a part of the Republic of Cyprus would become 'a Federated Turkish State' as, inter alia, tending to compromise the continuation of negotiations ...".

It is to be deeply regretted that the Government of Turkey opted to resort to an act so obviously aimed at creating the impression that in Cyprus there exists another recognized State entity, besides that of the Republic of Cyprus.

One can only hope that the fact that this unacceptable action occurs at such a crucial stage of the intercommunal talks is not, as it appears, indicative of the real position of Ankara towards the talks and the objective sought thereby. For, it will be no doubt acknowledged that the Turkish Government hardly aims at progress in the ongoing intercommunal dialogue by an action which so manifestly runs counter to the agreed basis of the talks and so blatantly contradicts a specific and binding decision of the Security Council. Your Excellency may wish to recall, in this connexion, that the Security Council, in addition to paragraph 2 of its resolution 367 (1975) quoted above, in paragraph 1, called upon all States

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"to refrain from any action which might prejudice /the/ sovereighty, independence, territorial integrity and non-alignment /of the Republic of Cyprus/. as well as from any attempt at partition of the island, or its unification with any other country".

It is my sincere hope that Your Excellency will find it possible to take appropriate measures for Turkey to correct the above action, in compliance with the said Security Council resolution, and also to exercise influence so that Turkey may be positive and forthcoming with reference to the intercommunal talks.

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.

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