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Letter dated 10 June 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 10 June 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. Çoşkun KIRCA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 10 June 1981 from Mr. Nail Atalay  
to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw your attention to Archbishop Chrisostomos' recent statements which were publicised by the Greek Cypriot daily Agon, on 17 May 1981, in which, inter alia, he attacks the intercommunal talks, calls for their break up, and urges Greece to create an armed front against Turkey and Turkish Cypriots, and reiterate once again that such chauvinistic and inflammatory statements by a powerful leader of the Greek Cypriot community will undoubtedly adversely affect the constructive atmosphere presently surrounding the intercommunal talks which was so painstakingly achieved.

The Archbishop's recent outburst did not come as a complete surprise to us. For, as we have always maintained, the role that the Greek Orthodox Church has elected itself to play is and has always been one of warmongering and injection of enmity between the two peoples of Cyprus, and on a wider scale, between Turkish and Greek nations. Archbishop Chrisostomos has every right to boast about his performance in this role. He has so far surpassed all his predecessors in vehemently and consistently opposing everything that could lead to a better climate and a spirit of understanding and reconciliation between the communities in Cyprus. He has in fact been a real crusader in this sense.

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At a time when every reasonable person in the world recognises the fact that the intercommunal talks approached by goodwill and understanding offer the best possible means for a just and peaceful solution of the Cyprus conflict, he stands on his pulpit calling for war and destruction.

We would not have felt the need to dwell on his recent battle-cry if it were not for the new dimension which he aspires to bring into the conflict. His attempt at drawing Greece into an armed crusade against Turkey and Turkish Cypriots is a fatally dangerous escalation at the thought of which no sensible human being could fail to flinch.

I sincerely hope that all honest and peace-loving men, wherever they may be, will do everything in their power to isolate Archbishop Chrisostomos on his road to catastrophe.

I would 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.



Nail Atalay  
Representative of the  
Turkish Federated State of  
Kıbrıs

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