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Letter dated 13 June 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to bring to your attention continuing provocative and inflammatory statements by the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Denktash, who, as recently as 11 June 1981, said: "Let us give them our answer as resistance fighters. We are the guards of our borders. Let us all together shout at the Greek side, which says that if Morphou is not given there could be no peace. Then there will be no peace. Because Morphou will never be given back."

Mr. Denktash also made the following statement regarding the violations of the Cyprus airspace by Turkish jetfighters on 1 and 2 June 1981: "They are not flying without permission from us. We are inviting the Turkish warplanes; the land is ours. The sky is ours and the sea is ours."

The aforementioned statements, made at a crucial time of the intercommunal talks, poison the atmosphere and do not augur well for the successful outcome of the talks; as a result, the President of the Republic, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, made the following statement in reply:

"The Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Denktash, in new provocative statements, escalates the intransigent attitude of the Turkish side. Mr. Denktash repeats his insistence on the existence of borders in Cyprus and stresses that 'Morphou will never be given back'.

"These completely unacceptable statements, made at a time when hopes are expressed from various sides for a change in the Turkish attitude on Cyprus, do not in the least contribute to efforts being made to reconcile the views of the two sides and to create the right climate for a constructive and meaningful dialogue in the intercommunal talks. By his statements, which are contrary to the high-level agreements, the Turkish Cypriot leader once more confirms his refusal to contribute to a fair solution to the Cyprus problem safeguarding the interests of the Cyprus people as a whole.

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"If the present intransigent attitude of the Turkish side is not changed radically, then the future of the intercommunal talks will become gloomy. However, despite the negative attitude of the Turkish side, the Cyprus Government and the Greek Cypriot side will continue to show all goodwill and to make every possible effort for an honourable solution to the Cyprus problem."

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

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