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Letter dated 26 October 1978 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a letter dated 9 October 1978 (A/33/294-S/12890) addressed to Your Excellency by the Permanent Representative of Turkey, attaching as annex a document containing allegations calculated to create confusion by falsifying facts.

Thus, the allegation that the President of Cyprus, in a radio address to the Greek community in New York, spoke of hoisting the Greek flag on the bastions of Famagusta, Kyrenia, Morphou and the Karpass is a pure fabrication. No such statement or any to the like effect was made by President Kyprianou.

In this connexion, it is pertinent to remark that, whereas the flag of the Republic of Cyprus flies over all government buildings and is on display on all occasions, by contrast, in the area of Cyprus under the control of the Turkish army of occupation - the so-called "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus" - no Cypriot flag has ever been seen at any time. It is only the flag of Turkey that is in abundant display, signifying that 40 per cent of the territory of the Republic is under the foreign occupation of Turkey, and to all intents and purposes is treated by Ankara as a part of the territory of Turkey coming within the Mersin district.

Another allegation in that document, which speaks of the "enactment" of a bill, tabled by the House of Representatives, for the legalization of illegal militia forces, is equally a fabricated untruth. This allegation is flatly contradicted by the records of the House of Representatives and other irrefutable evidence.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

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