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Letter dated 9 October 1978 from the Permanent  
Representative of Turkey to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 9 October 1978 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

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.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 9 October 1978 from Mr. Nail Atalay  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention certain recent incidents which I feel have the propensity of adversely affecting prospects for the peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem. It is especially disappointing, though noteworthy, that at a time when efforts are being made through your good offices to bring about the resumption of the intercommunal talks with a view to achieving a permanent and just solution of the Cyprus problem, the Greek Cypriot leaders and their administration should see fit to continue to follow a policy which will undoubtedly undermine positive initiatives.

In this connexion I felt it was incumbent upon me to inform you of the following:

(a) We have learnt with profound regret that the leader of the Greek Cypriot community, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, while speaking to the Greek community over the New York radio during his current visit to the city, has declared quite openly that "we (the Greeks) shall continue our long-term struggle until the Greek flag is once again hoisted and flying on the bastions of Famagusta, Kyrenia, Morphou and the Karpass". This statement, which certainly does not augur well for Cyprus, is clearly incompatible with the United Nations resolutions, as well as with agreements reached between the two communities for the establishment of a bi-national, independent federal republic on a partnership basis. Furthermore, it definitely leads one seriously to doubt the good faith and sincerity of the Greek Cypriot leadership. It is, indeed, ironic that this statement, which is remarkably similar to statements recently made by other Greek Cypriot leaders manifesting intentions of "driving the Turks to the sea", should have come from the same man who less than a week ago put on an impressive show of pretence, in view of his past record, in the General Assembly to convince the august body of his alleged "love of the Turkish Community".

(b) A bill has been tabled before the Greek Cypriot Legislative Assembly for the legalization of the multitude of illegal and unconstitutional militia forces on the Greek Cypriot side. This enactment, which has ominous implications, is a fait accompli contrary to all United Nations resolutions and is unacceptable as a show of goodwill. At the same time it constitutes a serious development that will undoubtedly increase tension on the island.

(c) The Greek Cypriot authorities have arrested in Larnaca, the captain of an Italian vessel on the grounds that it had earlier called at Famagusta port in the north, and subsequently sentenced him to a term of three months imprisonment or a fine of 400 Cyprus pounds. This action is yet another in a consistent series of malicious actions by the Greek Cypriot administration aimed at disrupting the Turkish Cypriot economy, in line with their over-all policy of isolating the Turkish Cypriot community economically and politically through a vicious

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international economic blockade, which no member of the United Nations could accept or connive in.

It is most discouraging indeed that, despite efforts to create an atmosphere conducive to the resumption of the intercommunal talks and to reconcile the differences between the two communities, the Greek Cypriot leaders have chosen to intensify their vicious economic warfare against the Turkish Cypriot community, and at the same time continue to make statements which evidence hostility towards the said community. Such actions against the Turkish Cypriot community are clearly incompatible with the call in all the United Nations resolutions for an end to unilateral actions by either side.

It must be obvious to the Greek Cypriot side that its above-mentioned actions cannot possibly increase trust and confidence between the two communities, which must surely be a fundamental prerequisite to any permanent solution.

I would, therefore, like to express our anxiety at the kind of provocative statements and actions of the Greek Cypriot leadership, mentioned above, particularly since it is manifesting itself at a time when you are making efforts through your good offices to resume the intercommunal dialogue. For our part, the Turkish Cypriot side continues to hold the belief that the intercommunal talks afford the best means for a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem, and we hope that the Greek Cypriot side will not further delay its return to the negotiating table on the basis of the accord reached in your presence between the late Archbishop Makarios and H.E. Mr. Denktas in February 1977.

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.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY  
Representative

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