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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 enclose herewith a letter dated 9 October 1978 addressed to you by H.E. Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, the President 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 the President of the Turkish  
Federated State of Cyprus to the Secretary-General

Mr. Spyros Kyprianou's inadmissible false pretence to speak for and on behalf of the Turkish Cypriot community (A/33/PV.22 of 5 October 1978, pp. 2-32) renders the content of his address to the General Assembly wholly void of any useful basis in the search for final peace and justice for Cyprus. It thus becomes unnecessary for the Turkish Cypriot side to answer Mr. Kyprianou in detail since the context in which he has addressed the General Assembly is a non-existent one from a political, constitutional and realistic point of view. I shall, therefore, touch upon some salient points.

It is very odd that Mr. Kyprianou has not touched upon the accord reached between the late Archbishop Makarios and myself in February 1977 in Nicosia.

This accord, on guidelines for the re-establishment of the bi-communal partnership "in a non-aligned, bi-zonal Federal Republic", was a breakthrough in the Cyprus problem which had begun in December 1963 and continued relentlessly until 1974.

Mr. Kyprianou ignored this all-significant intercommunal accord, in the same way he chose to ignore the 11 years of Greek Cypriot aggression and its ensuing effect in splitting the administration of the country into two for 11 years, in order to paint his false picture of a Cyprus problem which arose, according to him, with the arrival of the Turkish troops.

We know that the General Assembly will not act on this false picture and will take full cognizance of the fact that, first, but for Turkish Cypriot resistance to Greek Cypriot aggression since 1963 and, secondly, the final legitimate intervention by Turkey, after 11 years, in 1974 at the last hour, the independent Republic of Cyprus would have become a colony of Greece while the Turkish Cypriot community would have been totally eradicated from the island.

Mr. Kyprianou's amnesia of the 1963-1974 period is self-induced as part of his persistent attempts to have the United Nations and all its organs assist him to complete the work of Hellenizing Cyprus at the expense of all the concepts of human rights and respect for international treaties.

It thus becomes our duty to restate the facts which Mr. Kyprianou has tried to conceal from the General Assembly:

(a) The Cyprus problem began in December 1963 when the Greek Cypriots attacked the Turkish Cypriots in order to destroy the bi-nationality of the country and Hellenize it as a prelude to union with Greece. The United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) has been in Cyprus since then in order to prevent intercommunal fighting.

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(b) As a result of the aggression, the Turkish Cypriot community was deprived of all its rights and treated as an outcast by being subjected to systematic inhuman treatment.

(c) The forceful ejection of the Turkish Cypriot elements from the bi-communal administration and the denial of all constitutional rights to them coupled with the organic changes illegally made to all constitutional establishments continued for 11 years.

(d) The coup of 1974 was the last attempt, by a different group of Greeks, to reach the same aim, viz., the Hellenization of Cyprus and union with Greece, by a more direct and brutal method.

The planned total massacre of Turkish Cypriots was immediately put into effect and the declaration of union with Greece was a matter of days. Thousands of Turkish Cypriots were taken as prisoners of war in Larnaca, Limassol and Paphos by the Greek Cypriot Administration.

But for Turkey's intervention as guarantor of the Cypriot independence, these calamities would have become irreversible faits accomplis. As it is, even in spite of Turkey's intervention, Turkish Cypriots - all civilians - living in Greek-dominated areas were murdered by the hundreds.

(e) As a result of Turkey's intervention, the Greek Cypriot attempt to eliminate the Turkish Cypriots ceased.

In the course of intercommunal talks it was agreed to settle the problem on the basis of a bi-zonal federal system in a non-aligned Republic of Cyprus.

As a result of this agreement in September 1975 a final voluntary exchange of population was also agreed between the parties and fully implemented with the help of UNFICYP.

It was only thus that 65,000 Turkish Cypriots managed to rescue themselves from the inhuman treatment meted out to them for 12 years, and at the same time the Turkish Cypriot refugees for 11 years (nearly 30,000) also found homes to return to.

In February 1977 an agreement was again - and this time formally - reached between the late Archbishop Makarios and myself to settle the Cyprus problem on the basis of a bizonal federal republic.

On the basis of this agreement the Turkish Cypriot side has furnished its proposals for starting the intercommunal dialogue. Your Excellency, as the Secretary-General of the United Nations has described these proposals as "concrete and substantive".

The Greek Cypriot side has refused to negotiate and maintain its intransigent attitude, relying on the fact that it monopolizes the international forums and thus preventing the Turkish Cypriot side from being heard.

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This procedural advantage is thus abused by Mr. Kyprianou, who insults the intelligence of all the delegates by claiming so brazenly to speak for and on behalf of the Turkish Cypriot community.

The reply of the Turkish Cypriot House of Representatives to Mr. Kyprianou on this issue was circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/33/283-S/12878 of 4 October 1978).

Mr. Kyprianou forgets that in the administration that poses as "the Government of Cyprus" - since 1963 - not a single Turkish Cypriot exists and that this Greek administration's record since 1963 is the denial and usurpation of all Turkish Cypriot rights; gross maltreatment and murder of Turkish Cypriots by the thousands; the destruction of 103 Turkish villages; mass murder of Turkish Cypriot civilians (including babies, children and aged persons) all in the name of union with Greece.

A valid resolution of the Greek Cypriot House of Representatives reads as follows:

"Despite adverse circumstances, the struggle which is being conducted with the support of all Hellenes will continue until it ends in success through the union of the whole and undivided Cyprus with the motherland, without any intermediary stage."

I have repeatedly called upon the Greek Cypriot leaders to annul this criminal resolution but have had no response, while Mr. Kyprianou himself is on public record as to the use to which he thinks he can put the independence of Cyprus:

"At this critical stage, as the Cyprus struggle is passing through, there is a great advantage which did not exist in 1955 and that is the fact that Cyprus is now an independent and sovereign State and, therefore, the struggle for union with Greece is easier and shorter than before."

His persistent attempts to deceive the world that he represents the Turkish Cypriots and his glossing over the period of 1963-1974 as years of normalcy can, I hope, be better evaluated in light of the foregoing.

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) Rauf R. DENKTAŞ  
President  
Turkish Federated State of Cyprus

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