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Letter dated 14 April 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 13 April 1978 addressed to Your Excellency by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

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

(Signed) Ilter TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 13 April 1978 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

I would like to refer to documents A/33/74-S/12626 of 31 March 1978, A/33/76-S/12633 of 6 April 1978 and A/33/77-S/12635 of 10 April 1978, all of which are letters from representatives of the Greek Cypriot community continuing unfounded allegations directed against the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus and against Turkey.

At a time when efforts are being made under your auspices with a view to reactivate the intercommunal talks, the ever-increasing malicious Greek Cypriot propaganda against the Turkish side compels me to address to you this communication.

1. During the 2026th meeting of the Security Council, the Turkish Cypriot side pointed out and categorically denied that there was "mass colonization" or "resettlement of Maraş in process" (S/PV.2026, p. 37). Since that time there has not been any development in this respect. I would like to reiterate once again that Maraş is situated within the borders of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus and is subject to the exclusive control and jurisdiction of the Turkish Cypriot authorities.

2. As far as the living conditions of Greek Cypriots in the north are concerned, the Greek Cypriot allegations in this regard are also totally unfounded. Greek Cypriots living in northern Cyprus are accorded the same rights as Turkish Cypriots, including freedom of movement subjected only to minimal security precautions. The following quotation from a Greek Cypriot daily newspaper, Ammohustos, of 17 February 1977 suffices to refute this allegation:

"Now, every Greek Cypriot who wants to go to Apostolos Andreas Monastery can do so. Before, only a priest was given permission to go to the monastery. Now the inhabitants of Karpas area can go to the sea shores for fishing and bathing. Now, Greek Cypriot farmers and shepherds can go to their fields and meadows for work without any obstacle whatsoever. The Greek elementary schools, on the other hand, have been functioning regularly since 29 October."

3. Furthermore, I would like to state that the continued distortion of facts by the Greek Cypriot administration, which has mobilized all its means and resources to promote anti-Turkish propaganda in the international arena, is totally incompatible with the need to engage in meaningful negotiations in order to promote rapidly a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem.

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

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative