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Letter dated 3 May 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 3 May 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 item 28 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ilter TÜRKMEN  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 3 May 1978 from Mr. Nail Atalay  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement by the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr. Osman Örek, in connexion with the resumption of the intercommunal talks.

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

(Signed) Nail ATALAY  
Representative

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APPENDIX

The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr. Osman Örek, made the following statement in connexion with the resumption of the intercommunal talks during a press conference on 2 May 1978:

"In January of this year, the Secretary-General of the United Nations visited Turkey, Greece and Cyprus with a view to discussing the possibilities for a resumption of the intercommunal talks on the Cyprus problem. It is following the extensive consultations held during these visits that the Turkish Cypriot community has elaborated a new negotiating position encompassing concrete, substantial and detailed proposals regarding both the territorial and constitutional aspects of the Cyprus problem.

"On 13, 14 and 15 April 1978, the representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community handed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a document setting forth the main aspects of the negotiating position of the Turkish Cypriot community at the intercommunal talks. The representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community underlined that the proposals they were putting forward represented a serious and constructive effort by the Turkish Cypriot side with a view to providing a starting point at the intercommunal talks. They equally emphasized that the Turkish Cypriot community was willing to enter into meaningful and constructive negotiations with the Greek Cypriot side under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on all important aspects, in particular, issues relating to territory, constitution and settlement in Maraş (Varosha). They confirmed their genuine dedication to a rapid, just and lasting solution of the Cyprus problem.

"Under these conditions, the Turkish Cypriot community considers that it has fulfilled all the prerequisites for an early resumption of the intercommunal talks.

"For this reason we call upon the distinguished Secretary-General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim, to fix a date for the resumption of the intercommunal talks as early as possible."

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