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Letter dated 3 May 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith excerpts from the statement made by His Excellency Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, President of the Republic of Cyprus, in reference to yesterday's statement by the Prime Minister of Turkey.

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.

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Excerpts from the statement of 4 May 1978 by the
President of Cyprus

The President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, referring to yesterday's statement by the Prime Minister of Turkey, stated among others, the following:

"The continuing and provocative effort of the Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr. Ecevit, to distort reality is indeed amazing. He is trying to present the Government of Cyprus as being, in any case, against the talks. Mr. Ecevit knew very well our views on the substance of the Cyprus problem and, if he had really wished a solution and substantive negotiations, he surely would have submitted proposals of a different kind and not those he finally submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, which are clearly aimed at the perpetuation and legalization of the invasion and its consequences. It is not a matter of details, but it is the very foundation of the proposals, which is such that it could not be the object of negotiations. Because, as we have repeatedly made clear, we are not prepared to accept a solution which would legalize the faits accomplis and to satisfy, directly or indirectly, Turkish expansionism.

"The spokesman of the United Nations stated yesterday on behalf of the Secretary-General, that evidently there is a gap between the positions regarding the basis upon which the resumption of the talks would be discussed. And, in the light of this fact, the Secretary-General quite rightly is not convening a new round of talks, for such a new round would serve no useful purpose, since we are separated by an abyss regarding the basis for a solution of the Cyprus problem. On the other hand, any action which would render useless the role of the Secretary-General in the future would be pointless, particularly as he has a continuous role to play with regard to the Cyprus question, in accordance with United Nations resolutions and with regard to their implementation.

"Mr. Ecevit, however, has admitted that what mainly interested him was the lifting of the embargo. The inescapable conclusion, therefore, is that all his noise and manoeuvring to create wrong impressions before and after the submission of the Turkish proposals were purely aimed at offering arguments to assist in the efforts to obtain from the United States Congress the lifting of the embargo ..."

The statement concludes that a mere reading of the Turkish proposals would suffice to convince everyone that Mr. Ecevit is out to promote the consolidation of the results of the aggression and invasion and is not concerned with the just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem.
