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Letter dated 11 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 11 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) Iltar TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 11 May 1978 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from the President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention and that of the members of the Security Council to the following inflammatory and provocative "order" issued on 7 May 1978 by the Commander of the Greek Cypriot National Guard in connexion with the anniversary celebrations of Greek Army Day:

"Order of the High Command

"This year's anniversary has found the holy race of Hellenes united and our army ready for the supreme battle. The land, air and sea of heroic Cyprus are Hellenic and they will always remain in the hands of Hellenes.

"Today's conditions require loyalty to national duties, rigid training and close adherence to the laws of the State and of the Greek National Guard. They also require spiritual and physical readiness for the final battle.

"Officers, non-commissioned officers and men should continue the great heritage of the Hellenic race. We must also create the conditions for the recovery of our lost territories and expulsion of the caricatures of Attila from our long-suffering land."

It should be noted that the aforesaid "order", reflecting the undying ideal of a Greek Cyprus cleansed of all the Turkish elements of the population, was issued by the High Command of the illegal Greek Cypriot National Guard whose Commander, General Komminos, and his senior deputies are Greek national military personnel dispatched from Athens. The following quotation from Your Excellency's report to the General Assembly of 25 October 1977 (A/32/282) also confirms the presence of the mainland (Greece) military personnel on the island:

"20. ... a number of officers, especially senior commanders and staff officers of the National Guard, appear to be Greek national military personnel. In addition, a Greek national contingent is stationed in the island. The number of Greek national personnel in Cyprus is not known accurately to UNFICYP, nor is the extent of withdrawals."

It is, therefore, earnestly to be hoped that, in the vital interest of the two communities in Cyprus, the Greek side will refrain from endorsing such inflammatory orders and accept the equitable partnership concept proposed in good faith by the Turkish community 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) Nail ATALAY
Representative
