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LETTER DATED 17 FEBRUARY 1976 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 17 February 1976,
addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, Acting Representative of the Turkish Federated
State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the
Security Council.

(Signed) Ilder TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 17 February 1976 from Mr. Nail Atalay
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 16 February 1976, addressed to you by H.E. Rauf R. Denktas, President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Acting Representative of the
Turkish Federated State
of Cyprus

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Letter dated 16 February 1976 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas
addressed to the Secretary-General

Mr. Zenon Rossides' letter of 10 February 1976 which has been circulated as document S/11975 of the Security Council has just been brought to my notice.

I deplore Mr. Rossides' attempt to influence our negotiations here in Vienna which are due to begin tomorrow, by false propaganda. His persistent assumption that he represents a government which can speak for the whole of Cyprus and his usage of this claim for furthering constantly and passionately a destructive policy contrary not only to the interests of the Turkish Community but also to the interests of Cyprus at large is only detrimental to the negotiations to which both communities attach so much hope.

In the shortest of terms, I firmly state that I do not recognize Mr. Zenon Rossides as representing anything except the community to which he belongs, namely the Greek Cypriot Community. The constitutional government of Cyprus shall be established when the two national communities finally agree to the ways and means and principles of re-establishing it. The current negotiations under Your Excellency's guidance are being conducted for this very purpose.

What Mr. Rossides considers fit to put before the Security Council at this juncture under the presumption of "instructions from his government" can therefore only be regarded as a propaganda appeal by those who are determined to undermine the process of negotiations.

It is false that the Turkish Force is doing in Cyprus anything which runs contrary to its solemn duties of keeping peace and of preventing the destruction of the bi-communal independence of Cyprus by enosis-bound Greek Cypriots. We have stated earlier in our public statements and reiterate here now that all towns, villages and areas within the territory of the Turkish Cypriot Federated State fall within the competence of its administration.

I therefore reject all the slanderous allegations of Mr. Rossides in regard to any town, village or area within the territory of the Turkish Cypriot Federated State as irrelevant and in this particular case, unfounded.

The Greek Cypriot leadership has once again shown its ill-will and insincerity towards the negotiations by coming forward with this unfounded allegation and by trying to put on record the views of the so-called "government of Cyprus" which simply does not exist in law or in fact.

I fully and categorically reject each and every allegation made by Mr. Rossides in his aforementioned letter and call upon him and his leader to the realities of Cyprus which their obnoxious enosis policy has brought about in the island.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rauf R. DENKTAŞ
President
Turkish Federated State
of Cyprus
