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LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 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 18 March 1976, addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, Acting Representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) İlter TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 18 March 1976 from Mr. Nail Atalay
addressed to the Secretary-General

The tragic irony in the most recent outburst of the Greek Cypriot Representative, Mr. Rossides (16 March 1976, S/12014), is his self-styled concern for the well-being of the Turkish Cypriot community. As the world public opinion bears witness, if the Greek Cypriot community which he represents had during the past decades demonstrated the minimum of such a concern, the tragedy of Cyprus would not have occurred.

It is blatantly hypocritical on the part of Mr. Rossides and his leadership to claim any rights on behalf of the Turkish Cypriots who were regarded as their national enemies and hence to be eradicated from Cyprus. Such pretensions, making a mockery of history, can be fabricated only on a belief in universal naiveté.

The allegations of the Greek Cypriot Representative concerning the areas in northern Cyprus hardly deserve any reply since those areas are under the full control and jurisdiction of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus. There are no undertakings in the area under the control of the Turkish Cypriot community which would contravene the conviction of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus that the island should be a non-aligned country. Strategic bases which might jeopardize the non-alignment of Cyprus are located outside the territory which is under the jurisdiction of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus and, as is generally known, are in the south.

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