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CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to a document from the Permanent Representative of Turkey (S/12048), annexing a letter dated 12 April 1976 from Mr. Rauf Denktash, in which the latter expounds over his refusal to accept delivery of part of the Greek Cypriot proposals on the pretext that they contain "a false or any reference to the Secretary-General's role in the Vienna talks". He does not, however, proceed to specify where the alleged falsity lies or the grounds of his general objection.

It is evident from this arbitrariness that Mr. Denktash believes his position of strength in negotiating as the agent of the invader Power, entitles him not to go beyond a mere expression of his will - as clearly emerges from the said letter itself.

Neither the accuracy of the reference to the Secretary-General's statement nor its legitimacy can be put in question. It is an admitted fact that the Greek Cypriot proposals were formulated in accordance with the procedural suggestions made by the Secretary-General at the fifth round of talks in order to break the deadlock on the territorial aspect.

Mr. Denktash's unreasonable objection is but a diversionary tactic to evade once more the duty heavily falling upon Ankara - from whom he takes his instructions - to produce concrete proposals on the territorial aspect.

As the Foreign Minister of Cyprus, Mr. J. Cl. Christophides, in a recent statement put it:

"The conclusion to be drawn from such abnormality is that Mr. Denktash thinks he has the right to return any part of the proposals which is not to his liking. This, however, amounts to a demand that he himself should formulate the proposals of the Greek Cypriot side, in which case the process of negotiations is turned into a travesty. Any demand by the Turkish Cypriot side for amendments to the Greek Cypriot proposals is rejected as undermining the negotiations. In the circumstances and in the event of a deadlock, the entire responsibility will rest with the Turkish side, which is resorting to internationally inadmissible methods.

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... Such tactics do not constitute a dialogue and do not lead to a solution of the problem but to the destruction of all hopes reposed in the negotiations."

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

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