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Letter dated 2 August 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 2 August 1976, 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 69 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) İlter TÜRKMEN  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 2 August 1976 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the Secretary-General

His Excellency, Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, has responded to Archbishop Makarios' suggestion to meet him by stating that he too would be willing to meet the Archbishop as the leader of the Greek Cypriot community under conditions of full equality.

The full text of the President's statement is as following:

"Archbishop Makarios always lags far behind the events and thus fails to evaluate the opportunities of peace that come his way.

"He did not even bother to respond to my call for talks which I made in goodwill in 1973 as the Vice-President of Cyprus and the leader of the Turkish community.

"A year later, in 1974, while he was declaring that the Greek Cypriot Administration, which he presented as the 'Cyprus Government', 'was the nearest administration to enosis' he was confirming that he was no longer taking into account the Turkish community at all, which was one of the co-founder partners of the Cyprus State. He was feeling proud for having managed to leave us face-to-face with hunger and mass destruction and without a State for 11 years and describing us as a 'rebel' community. During the same period, Archbishop Makarios reaffirmed: 'I have not deviated at all from the holy enosis oath I took in the church in 1950 ... all that I have done have been for enosis.'

"On the other hand, the resolution passed by the Greek Cypriot House of Representative and recorded in its minutes of 1967 about 'long-term struggle for enosis' is still valid and in force and Archbishop Makarios, with the object of implementing this 'long-term struggle policy' is confronting us with persons whose attitude towards the Turks is known and who have a reputation as fanatical enosists. If Archbishop Makarios is sincere about settling the Cyprus problem through negotiations with the Turkish community, he must concede that he has no authority to use the title of 'Cyprus Government' which he usurped with the 1963 onslaught and stop presenting to the world the 12 year old illegal Greek Cypriot Administration as the 'Cyprus Government'.

"The 'Cyprus Government', from our standpoint, does not exist until the Turkish community, on the basis of agreements and conditions and status within the framework of present realities, and maintaining the principle of equality, establishes a central joint government with the Greek Cypriots. Facing us are our Cypriot partners who took to eliminate

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the legitimate Cyprus Government. There is at best a de facto Greek Cypriot Administration. This Administration has, in no way, superiority over the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus which is responsible for the administration of its region. Our own administration is as much the 'Cyprus Government' as the 12 year old de facto Greek Cypriot Administration is.

"The Greek Cypriot leadership must see and acknowledge the realities if it desires a peaceful solution. What is more, by hiding behind the cover of the fictitious 'Cyprus Government' the Greek Cypriot Administration is exerting efforts to present the Turkish Peace Operation, that saved the independence of Cyprus which we co-founded and prevented the mass extermination of the Turkish Cypriot community, as an 'invasion' and these efforts are seriously blocking peaceful means. The Greek Cypriot leaders who were saved by the legitimate Turkish Peace Operation must have appreciated this historic fact more than anybody else.

"These being the facts, there is nothing much in what Archbishop Makarios said during a conversation with a journalist. He said he would not refrain from having talks with me using such remarks as 'if it will be useful and if Denktas has the authority to take decisions at negotiations'. Makarios must be surely and fully aware of authority and freedom of speech at the negotiations since it was Makarios himself who rejected every peaceful proposal we made by using our authority during the last 7 to 8 years. He cannot now absolve himself of his historic responsibilities by blaming the Junta for all the crimes. There was no Junta that forced him to state 'I have never deviated from the oath I took in 1950, and I have never struggled for anything else other than the achievement of enosis'. His statement saying 'I offered the annexation of Cyprus to Greece to every Greek Government' was certainly not forced out of him by the Junta.

"The Archbishop must understand that he stands to gain nothing by delivering incidental statements and must realize that every passing day makes the present de facto situation even more deep-rooted. The current de facto situation is in essence the outcome of his own policy. Makarios must feel the responsibility for this and abandon his futile efforts for the internationalization of the Cyprus problem, and he must sit at the conference table as the leader of the Greek Cypriot community under conditions of equality in order to solve the problem with us. Efforts to sit at the conference table under the pretext of 'Cyprus Government' are futile, since Makarios has destroyed the legitimate Government of Cyprus and created two separate administrations, a Turkish Cypriot and a Greek Cypriot Administration, through what he has done to the Turkish Cypriot community, the co-founder of the State, by usurping all Government authority since 1963. We can hold negotiations under conditions of equality as the leaders of two administrations or communities ... Makarios will do a great service to the Greek Cypriot community if he announces that he has rid himself of the negative effects of the oath he took in 1950,

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since he will continue to deny the facts and miss new peace opportunities, just as he did between 1968-1974, as long as he regards himself attached to this church oath. However, now is the time for an agreement between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot Administration on a central government. Every day that goes by and efforts and activities undertaken against us at international forums by the Greek Cypriot Administration by exploiting the term 'Cyprus Government' is making the two separate administrations in Cyprus more deep-rooted. In a few years' time Makarios may be sorry for having rejected the hand of peace extended for two years now by our Federated State. We hope that Makarios will make a better appraisal of our peaceful approach which constitutes the spirit of our statement, if he reviews the opportunities he missed since 1955."

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

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