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LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the highly provocative and inflammatory statements made by the former Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr. Ecevit, during his recent visit to Cyprus. While on the soil of the Republic, Mr. Ecevit, addressing from the balcony of his Nicosia Hotel a gathering of Turkish Cypriots, declared that "the Republic is now abolished - Archbishop Makarios is no longer President". He thus made dictatorial pronouncements on Cyprus, as though disposing of it at will.

Obviously to Mr. Ecevit, whether as actual or former Prime Minister, the rest of the world and the international community of nations seem of little consequence so long as his aggression in Cyprus remains unrestrained. For otherwise he would not so blatantly ignore the reality that the United Nations and the totality of its Member States fully recognize the Republic of Cyprus, its Government and its President, Archbishop Makarios, who, as is well known, commands the confidence of the overwhelming majority of the people of Cyprus. Nor would he so contemptuously disregard the United Nations resolutions on Cyprus, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council, which reaffirm the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and call for its respect by all States and for the "immediate cessation of foreign military intervention in the Republic".

The provocativeness of such statements by a former Prime Minister, gratuitously adding insult to injury in a deeply traumatic situation, are seriously damaging to all. They could only be calculated to obstruct all positive progress in the endeavour for a return to normality, so necessary for meaningfulness in negotiations towards a just and workable solution.

Furthermore, Mr. Ecevit speaks as though Cyprus were partitioned in two (through an inhumane deracination of the vast majority of its people in the occupied area) without regard for the calamity and inhumanity involved in the process, and the attendant frustration, bitterness and economic disruption. In the same breath he pretends interest in the economic "development and prosperity of the island, through co-operation of the two communities working hand in hand". But it is elementary that the island's economic development and prosperity inescapably call for a spirit of goodwill and co-operation, in friendly association

through an integrated economy, all of which Ankara has persistently over the years obstructed, and opposed repeated proposals by the Secretary-General for such economic co-operation and integration, as can be seen in a number of his reports. Instead, the Turkish Government were systematically and forcibly imposing division and enmity for purposes completely alien and adverse to the interest of the Cypriot people, Greek and Turkish alike.

From all aspects, the question of the implementation of the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Cyprus emerges as increasingly necessary. It may be recalled that Security Council resolution 365 (1974) of 13 December 1974, endorsing General Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX) and calling for its implementation, requests the Secretary-General to report on the progress of such implementation. In light of the above resolution of the Security Council, it would be greatly appreciated by my Government if Your Excellency would take all possible steps for the so needed, at the present juncture, implementation of the aforesaid resolution of the General Assembly.

The recent public communications by the heads of State of three permanent members of the Security Council, laying emphasis on the strict implementation of the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Cyprus, would perhaps facilitate Your Excellency's task.

Continuing failure in implementation of United Nations resolutions on Cyprus - unanimously adopted by both the Security Council and the General Assembly on a matter of such primary importance under the Charter as that of international security and peace - would be tantamount to a confirmation of the signal given to the world in this connexion that "only force wins". This would, furthermore, embolden warlike tendencies in the now critically sensitive region of the Middle East, with dire consequences in that area and wider world repercussions.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will circulate this letter as a Security Council document.

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