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CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention a statement by the Secretary-General of the Turkish Cypriot Labour Federation, Mr. N. Taskin, published in the Turkish Cypriot daily Bozkurt on 31 January 1975, according to which "the grain reserves under the control of the Turkish Cypriot 'Administration' far exceed the needs of the Turkish Cypriot community. Part of this grain has been already utilized but the rest which are stored in silos, are being destroyed". Mr. Taskin has asked for "utilization of the grain for the purpose of bringing down the prices of bread".

Furthermore, Mr. Nidai, a reporter of the aforementioned Turkish Cypriot daily, wrote on the same day that "there are approximately 100,000 to 150,000 tons of grain in the hands of the Turkish Cypriot 'Administration'. According to our way of thinking," he observed, "since we found all this, and therefore have nothing to lose, we neglected the grain in the silos, and there it is rotting."

It should be pointed out that while the Government of Cyprus has to import grain and meets with tremendous difficulties in its efforts to feed over one third of the island's population who have been forcibly expelled from their homes and lands, the produce of their usurped properties and their labour is turning to rotten waste in the hands of the invaders.

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

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Cyprus to the United Nations