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Letter dated 27 November 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General.

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention and that of the membership of the Security Council to the decision taken by the Turkish-Cypriot leadership to confer "citizenship" of the so-called "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus" to Turkish settlers from Turkey.

According to Turkish Cypriot newspaper reports (OLAY of 9 November 1981) and verified information received by authorities of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, the Turkish-Cypriot leadership has specified "Special cases of eligibility for citizenships of the 'Turkish Federated State of Cyprus'". The new amendment to the law, annexed hereto, is dated 28 October 1981 and is published in the Official Gazette No. 107.

As Your Excellency is well aware, the "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus" is a fictitious entity whose establishment was regretted by the Security Council in its resolution 367 (1975) of 12 May 1975.

Furthermore, Your Excellency will recall General Assembly resolution 3395 (XXX) of 20 November 1975, on which only Turkey cast a negative vote, which, in its paragraph 6, urged all parties to refrain from unilateral actions in contravention of resolution 3212 (XXIX), including changes in the demographic structure of Cyprus, as well as the discussions held in the Security Council (S/PV.2026-2032), on my Government's complaint concerning the colonization of Famagusta and the Council's relevant resolution 414 (1977).

The decision to confer wholesale "citizenship" to settlers from Turkey, particularly at a time when the intercommunal talks enter a new phase, seriously jeopardizes a settlement of the Cyprus problem as provided by the High Level Agreements, and the United Nations resolutions. It demonstrates Turkish attempts to consolidate faits accomplis, and to encourage further colonization of the area

of the Republic of Cyprus under Turkish military occupation by settlers from Turkey in order to change the age-long demographic structure of the island of Cyprus. Nor is the decision without relevance to the Turkish Cypriot leadership's highly inaccurate statements concerning the increase of the population of the Turkish-Cypriot community.

The above action proves wrong Turkish assertions that the colonization of the occupied area of Cyprus has decreased or ceased, and dispels any allegation that the settlers are "temporary seasonal workers", as they are called, particularly since there is high unemployment in the occupied area.

In drawing attention to the above, it is earnestly hoped that Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council will take the necessary steps to ensure that the Turkish side refrain from unilateral action, such as the one above, as called for by the Security Council and the General Assembly.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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A N N E X

In accordance with the new amendment, the conditions for issuing a "Citizenship" for those who reside in the "T.F.S.C." for less than 5 years are the following:

"Special case citizenship grants:

Those, who fall within any of the following categories and whose situation is in conformity with the stipulations of the articles of 1(C) and (D) of the second paragraph of the Law, could be given special case citizenship by a decision of the Council of Ministers.

a) Those who marry TFSC citizens and settle in the TFSC and reside in the TFSC for at least one year in matrimony.

b) (i) Those whose definite settlement in the TFSC for the duration of at least one year is confirmed.

(ii) Those who have bought a house in the TFSC and who have resided there for a year continuously.

c) (i) Those, whose possible important contribution to the TFSC economy is confirmed.

(ii) Those, whose possible contribution to the TFSC's social and cultural development is confirmed.

(iii) Those, whose possible contribution to TFSC's foreign relations is confirmed.

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- (iv) Those, whose possible contributions to TFSC's general education (religious and secular education) development is confirmed.
- (v) Those, who work at an important post in the TFSC security forces requiring continued service.
- (vi) Those who have paid extra-ordinary service to the TFSC.

d) Those to whom the issuing of citizenship is considered essential by the Council of Ministers".
