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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 latest events in the part of the territory of Cyprus still under the aggressive occupation of Turkey's invasion army, in flagrant violation of the unanimous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

As is already well known, the people of the Greek Cypriot majority in the invaded area have been genocidally expelled therefrom because of their ethnic origin, in the most abhorrent practice of racial discrimination. Thereafter, an alien population, illegally transported from Anatolia, Turkey, is being massively implanted in the usurped homes and properties of the uprooted Greek Cypriots, in a preplanned design to change by force the demographic structure of Cyprus.

These imported settlers, whose record of criminality has become notorious in the said area, have been emboldened enough by the attitude of Ankara as to form now a regular political party in the occupied north under the leadership of Colonel Ismael Tezer, a retired Turkish Air Force officer. At a press conference on 22 December 1978, Colonel Tezer declared the party's policy to be the "partition of Cyprus" and its eventual "integration with the motherland" (Turkey). This party has been promptly registered under the name of the "Turkish Unity Party" by the so-called "Turkish Cypriot authorities". Colonel Tezer's further expression, at a press conference on 26 December, of "unreserved support for President Denktash" would imply an affinity of policy.

These developments make still more manifest the unchanging pattern of partition that dominates Ankara's policy over Cyprus and is reflected in its instruments, the ruling "Turkish Cypriot leadership", imposed by Ankara upon the rank and file of the Turkish Cypriots irrespective of the latter's wishes and true interests.

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I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Question of Cyprus" and of the Security Council.

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