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Letter dated 10 August 1982 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 members of the Security Council to further threats of unilateral actions directed against the Republic of Cyprus.

According to Bozkurt, a Turkish Cypriot daily, Mr. Denktash, speaking on 2 August 1982, threatened that "separate independence is our right, our legitimate right ... In case the Greek Cypriots go to the United Nations, the talks here will be definitely terminated ... Let them not think that we will placidly come to the table ... They (the Greek Cypriots) will suffer from the rain and storm ... The resort to the United Nations is completely contrary to the intercommunal talks ...". Furthermore he added that "once separate independence is declared, it will be much easier to form a federation with the Greek Cypriot side under equal conditions".

On 27 July according to Birlik, another Turkish Cypriot newspaper, Mr. Denktash had stated that "the present situation, that is, two Cypruses and two peoples sovereign in their own zones, will take a permanent form".

On behalf of my Government I wish strongly to protest the above statements, which, emanating from a man who has earned the ignominious title of being the tool of the aggressor, further reveal the expansionist policy and the ruthless determination of Turkey to cast a final blow at the unity and territorial integrity of Cyprus, by partitioning the island as a first step, and annexing it thereafter. The statements of Mr. Denktash about "two sovereign Cypruses and separate independence" are not those of the Turkish Cypriot people who, in reality, yearn for harmony and peaceful coexistence with their Greek Cypriot compatriots in one Cyprus without foreign armies, refugees and lines of confrontation. Such statements represent the policy of the invader and indicate Turkey's character and

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utter disregard for the United Nations resolutions on Cyprus, the latter calling for the respect of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic.

Partitioning Cyprus and creating separate independence is neither the "right" nor the "legitimate right" of Mr. Denktash or anyone else. The territory involved in the establishment of such illegal and bogus state, which is presently under Turkish occupation, is an integral part of the Republic of Cyprus, which has de jure jurisdiction and sovereignty over it, as repeatedly affirmed by Security Council and General Assembly resolutions.

Your Excellency is aware that the problem of Cyprus was described by your predecessor as one of the three major world problems, the other two being the Middle East and southern Africa. As such it has been appropriately before international forums, especially the General Assembly and the Security Council, which are permanently seized of the question until a just and lasting solution is achieved in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions.

The General Assembly, in resuming its deliberations on the question of Cyprus, does not in any way foreclose the talks which are held subject to the United Nations resolutions and the high-level agreements.

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

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