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Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention and that of the membership of the General Assembly and the Security Council to the latest illegal move of the Turkish Cypriot leadership, which has most serious implications.

You are aware, through the numerous démarches which were made to your Special Representative in Cyprus and in New York, that, on 15 April 1988, the illegal régime in the Turkish-occupied areas proceeded to a new secessionist action by demanding that persons wishing to enter the Turkish-occupied areas of the island produce passports to be stamped by the so-called TRNC. This new illegality was coupled with such provocative statements of the Turkish side that the "TRNC" (the pseudo-state that was unilaterally proclaimed in 1983 and condemned by the international community as null and void), is "a sovereign state" and that the "TRNC" implemented various procedures at its "border crossings". These statements were made by the spokesman of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, Mr. Batu, in replying to a question about the Denktash régime's decision to "stamp" passports, and were transmitted by the Ankara radio on 20 April.

This new illegality is a most serious development, which flagrantly violates the United Nations resolutions on the question of Cyprus and, more specifically, Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984). It is a provocation to the United Nations and, in particular, to the Security Council, as well as to the entire international community, which has resolutely condemned the attempted secession of the Republic of Cyprus and repeatedly reaffirmed its support for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of Cyprus.

Turkey bears full responsibility for the provocative and illegal actions of the régime in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus occupied by the Turkish troops,

since 1974, over which it has absolute control, for it is the Turkish Government and the Turkish troops that are responsible for the continuation of the occupation of a significant part of the territory of Cyprus, the promotion of the secessionist actions and the continuous violations of the human rights of the people of Cyprus.

Therefore, the excuse put forward by the Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman, that the pseudo-state régime is acting independently of Ankara, cannot stand because it is universally known that Ankara is solely responsible for the continuation of the illegality in the occupied areas, by the presence of its thousands-strong army and the Turkish settlers brought in to change the demographic composition of the island.

In strongly protesting, on behalf of my Government, this new grave illegality by the Turkish side, I wish to emphasize the serious implications of such actions, which obviously aim at undermining the favourable climate, which tends to be created in Cyprus and internationally, regarding the solution of the Cyprus problem, as well as to further consolidate and promote the secessionist, separatist and partitionist policies of the Turkish side.

It is earnestly hoped that you will take all the necessary measures to arrest and reverse this new Turkish illegality, which not only constitutes a flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984) and a provocation to the very authority and prestige of the United Nations, but, furthermore, puts in serious jeopardy your efforts at finding a just and durable solution to the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the forty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 46, and of the Security Council.

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