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**Rapport annuel du Haut-Commissaire des Nations Unies  
aux droits de l'homme et rapports du Haut-Commissariat  
et du Secrétaire général**

### **Note verbale datée du 31 mars 2025, adressée au Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de Chypre auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève**

La Mission permanente de la République de Chypre auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève et des autres organisations internationales en Suisse a l'honneur de transmettre les observations du Gouvernement chypriote en réponse à la déclaration faite par la Türkiye et l'Azerbaïdjan au cours du débat général sur le point 2 de l'ordre du jour tenu à la cinquante-huitième session du Conseil des droits de l'homme (voir annexe).

La Mission permanente de Chypre prie le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme de bien vouloir faire distribuer le texte de la présente note et de son annexe\* en tant que document du Conseil des droits de l'homme, au titre du point 2 de l'ordre du jour.

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\* L'annexe est reproduite telle qu'elle a été reçue, dans la langue de l'original seulement.



**Annex to the note verbale dated 31 March 2025 from the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**Response by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus to the statements made by Türkiye and Azerbaijan during the item 2 general debate, at HRC58**

We strongly reject the unfounded allegations against the Republic of Cyprus. The Turkish claims are nothing more of an attempt to shift focus away from Türkiye's responsibility for the ongoing violations of human rights in the occupied areas of Cyprus.

The annual report of the OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus serves as a stark reminder of the negative impact of the Turkish invasion and continued occupation of the northern part of the island. These actions continue to infringe upon the human rights of all Cypriots.

Claims regarding the alleged treatment of Turkish Cypriots by the government of the Republic of Cyprus prior to Türkiye's invasion are baseless, thoroughly rebutted by the European Court of Human Rights.

The credibility of international law and the UN system is seriously undermined when states like Türkiye violate the UN Charter and then urge the international community to overlook these violations due to the passage of time. We categorically reject all allegations regarding any so-called unilateral right of Türkiye to intervene in and occupy Cyprus. The Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974 was a clear violation of international law, the UN Charter and the Treaty of Guarantee. This illegal act has been condemned by Security Council resolutions, including Resolutions 37/253 (1983), 541(1983) and 550 (1984).

The military occupation of northern Cyprus by Türkiye has victimized both communities and is directly responsible for whatever sense of "isolation" Turkish Cypriots may have experienced. We remind the delegation of Türkiye, and the delegation of Azerbaijan which regrettably echoes this narrative, that the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus have issued more than 110,000 passports and identity cards to Turkish Cypriots, fully respecting their rights as citizens of the Republic of Cyprus.

We call on Türkiye to withdraw its troops from Cyprus, abandon its "two states" policy, and commit to a solution on the basis of bizonal bicomunal federation with political equality, in accordance with the relevant UNSC Resolutions.

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