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**Letter dated 3 September 2025 from the Permanent  
Representative of Türkiye to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 29 August 2025, addressed to you by Murat Soysal, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Ahmet Yıldız  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 3 September 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

29 August 2025

I am writing in response to the statement made by the Greek Cypriot representative at the thematic debate of the Security Council on women and peace and security, which once again blatantly distorted facts pertaining to Cyprus. The Greek Cypriot side has been exploiting the absence of the Turkish Cypriot side at international platforms in order to mislead the international community and to divert attention from its sole responsibility for the creation as well as the continuation of the Cyprus issue. Therefore, I am compelled to respond in writing in order to set the record straight.

By exploiting the absence of the Turkish Cypriot side, Greek Cypriot representatives have long been misinforming the international community by portraying the Cyprus issue as one of “invasion” and “occupation”. As a matter of fact, none of the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus describe the legitimate and justified Turkish intervention in the island, carried out in line with the 1959 International Cyprus Treaties, as “invasion” or its subsequent presence on the island as “occupation”. As is known, Guarantor Türkiye had to intervene after 11 years of Turkish Cypriot suffering at the hands of the Greek Cypriot militia, which culminated into the coup attempt organized by the military junta in Athens and its Greek Cypriot collaborators, aiming at the annexation of the entire island to Greece (enosis) and the total annihilation of Turkish Cypriot people. In view of past experiences and current human sufferings inflicted by recent conflicts worldwide, it is without any doubt that the guarantee system in Cyprus is now more relevant and necessary than ever.

Furthermore, it should be underlined that the Cyprus issue commenced in 1963, not in 1974, when the Greek Cypriot side forcibly usurped the title of the partnership Republic of Cyprus and expelled the Turkish Cypriot partner from all State organs. During the years from 1963 to 1974, a period that the Greek Cypriot representative has conveniently chosen to ignore, the Greek Cypriot militia, aided and encouraged by Greece, took part in an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Turkish Cypriot people. This large-scale violence and ensuing gross human rights violations, which also included conflict-related sexual violence, necessitated the Security Council to deploy the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) in 1964 in order to stop the bloodshed and the atrocities perpetrated against the Turkish Cypriot people. Notwithstanding the plethora of United Nations documents attesting to these crimes against humanity, the fact that there is no single reference to them in the said statement is testimony to the fact that these remarks are not fact-based, but another episode of the well-known Greek Cypriot propaganda machinery.

Failing to acknowledge the above-mentioned violence perpetrated by the Greek Cypriot side against the Turkish Cypriot people between 1963 and 1974, and attempting to attribute events that never occurred to Türkiye, constitutes yet another example of the blatant distortion of facts pertaining to Cyprus. The legitimate and justified intervention of Guarantor Türkiye not only put an end to all sorts of violence against the Turkish Cypriot people, but also to the violence carried out by the Greek Cypriot militia against their own people. Greek Cypriot representatives are, in fact, well aware that Guarantor Türkiye brought peace to the island in 1974. Against this background, it is clear that the misleading remarks of the Greek Cypriot representative are not corroborated by legal and historical facts pertaining to the island. Thus, instead of continuing unfounded accusations, the Greek Cypriot side should adopt a sincere approach for the solution of the Cyprus issue on the basis of

the current realities of the island, which would, inter alia, respect the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot people.

Availing myself of the present opportunity, I would like to also remind the Greek Cypriot administration that its counterpart is, and has always been, the Turkish Cypriot side, not Türkiye.

I would be grateful if the present letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Murat **Soysal**  
Representative  
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

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