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Letter dated 22 June 1988 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 attention and that of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council to the visit of the Foreign Minister of Turkey, Mr. Mesut Yilmaz, to the areas of the Republic of Cyprus occupied by the Turkish armed forces since 1974.

The Turkish Foreign Minister's illegal visit to the occupied areas, which is scheduled to last from 22 to 24 June 1988, constitutes a provocation and an affront by Turkey to the Charter of the United Nations and the numerous resolutions and decisions of the United Nations and of other international bodies, including the European Community. Mr. Yilmaz' visit strikes an especially heavy blow at the very authority of the Security Council, whose decisions are of a mandatory nature, the Member States of the United Nations having an obligation under the Charter to carry them out.

It should be recalled in this connection that Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984) condemned the declaration of the purported secession as well as subsequent secessionist actions, considered them invalid and called for their withdrawal. Furthermore, they also reiterated the call upon all Member States not to recognize the purported "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" and called upon them not to facilitate or in any way assist the secessionist entity.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus denounces this new illegal action of the Government of Turkey, which is taking place during a period when efforts are being made by you, with the encouragement of the entire international community, for the start of a productive dialogue for a just and lasting solution of the Cyprus problem.

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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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Cyprus to the United Nations

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