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Letter dated 17 March 1983 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 29 December 1982 addressed to Your Excellency by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations (A/37/791-S/15544) and to draw, once more, your kind attention to the continuing illegal expropriations of properties belonging to expelled Cypriot citizens by the Turkish occupation forces.

The Ankara régime and its agents in occupied Cyprus attempt to conceal their banditry by issuing "decrees" generously granting to Turkish Cypriots and settlers from Turkey properties that are not rightfully theirs, while the Turkish Army impedes the legal owners from possessing them.

In this respect, I have the honour to bring to your knowledge that in annex III of Bulletin No. 63 of the so-called "Official Gazette" of 29 July 1982, issued by the Denktash puppet régime in occupied Cyprus, it was announced that 32 houses in the villages Asomatos, Karpasha and Kormakitis had been "confiscated". Though the fury of the Turkish expansionists against the Greek Cypriots is notoriously known, the expropriation of the aforesaid houses of 32 Maronite Cypriot families reveals Turkey's true face to those who might still believe in Ankara's propaganda.

The Maronite Cypriots, who are of Syrian descent, are a peaceful community, without any precedents of strife with the Turkish Cypriots. Yet the aims of pan-Turkism (known too well by all nations and communities of the Balkans and the Middle East) make no exceptions: according to its targets, the non-Turks have irrevocably lost all rights in the occupied areas of Cyprus.

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Mr. A. Coskun Kirca, evading his responsibilities, has developed the habit of forwarding you letters supposedly written by Mr. Nail Atalay on the situation in Cyprus. Invariably, Mr. Atalay, who obviously serves the interests of Ankara rather than those of Cyprus, elaborates on what he calls "Greek Cypriot barbarism" without, however, giving any reason for the measures taken in the occupied territory against the minor ethnic groups of Cyprus, including the Maronites. Should we understand that ethnic discrimination is a basic dogma of pan-Turkism?

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Phedon PHEDONOS-VADET
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