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LETTER DATED 25 APRIL 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In continuation to my letter of 18 April 1975 (S/11677) and in reference to my letters of 20 January 1975 and of 17 and 14 February 1975, circulated as Security Council documents S/11603, S/11625 and S/11630 respectively, I beg to draw Your Excellency's attention to further evidence of the illegal and systematic activities of the Turkish Government to change the demographic composition of Cyprus through the massive transportation of Turkish population from the mainland of Turkey, to supplant the indigenous Greek Cypriot majority population of the area, usurping their homes and lands.

I thus refer to a statement by the Minister of Labour of Turkey, Ahmet Tewfik Pakso, published in the Istanbul daily "Hurriyet" of 19 April 1975, in which it is disclosed that as from next May 10,000 Turkish "workers" will be sent from Turkey to the area of Cyprus under Turkish occupation, where they will be employed in tourism and agriculture under a labour office to be opened at Mersin (Turkey).

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to register a further emphatic protest in respect of the above illegal activities of the Turkish Government, in flagrant violation of both domestic and international law and of the human rights covenants. More specifically these activities constitute a grave breach of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 (IV article 147) and manifest an arrogant disregard of the resolutions on Cyprus, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council.

The hope and request therefore, is reiterated that Your Excellency will take all steps deemed advisable and necessary towards discouraging and arresting these ominous activities, which are calculated to lead to the disaster of partition and the further dangerous aggravation of the situation in Cyprus, with repercussions in the area beyond. It is hardly necessary to point out that such actions most seriously prejudice the coming talks, by seeking to prejudge, through the illegality of imposed faits accomplis, the very substance and purport of the talks.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will circulate this letter to all Members of the United Nations as a Security Council document.

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