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Letter dated 19 April 1983 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 transmit the following statement:

While the intensification of the campaign, including threats by Turkey, as to the alleged "Greek Cypriot co-operation with Armenians in attacks against Turkish diplomats", and the dimensions it has now acquired, necessitate renewed repudiation of these baseless allegations, we feel certain that there are no doubts in Your Excellency's mind as well as in the minds of the Governments of States Members of the United Nations as to the true motivation for the continuation of these allegations.

In view of the absolute verification by the United Nations Force in Cyprus of the fact that there are no Armenians in Cyprus involved in any of the attacks against Turkish diplomats, and that the Cyprus Government has nothing to do with these attacks, the only logical explanation is that Turkey threatens renewed recourse to the use of force against the free part of the Republic of Cyprus, and to that effect it is creating, as it has always been its practice, a pretext for such an action.

Had the situation been not so serious, my Government would have refrained from reverting to the matter in order to deny once again universally accepted as untrue allegations such as the granting of Cyprus passports, or making available training facilities, allegations in respect of which there is not a scintilla of evidence, a fact of which Turkey is also fully aware.

In the circumstances the Government of Cyprus has no doubt that Your Excellency, as well as the Governments of Member States will take the

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appropriate steps in order that renewed threats against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus be ended, and Turkey's unlawful design be averted.

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.

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