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CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

Repeated international press reports indicate that Turks are being transported from Turkey for settlement in the fresh areas of the northern part of Cyprus, invaded and occupied by the Turkish invasion forces. According to the same sources, the Turkish authorities alleged that the people transported are Turkish Cypriots who had emigrated to Turkey especially during 1963-1964 and who are now returning to the island.

The above Turkish allegation is entirely unfounded and is aimed at confusing international public opinion as to the real purpose of the Turkish effort, which is nothing less than changing the composition of the population in areas where the Greek Cypriots were always in the majority. Official records refute the Turkish allegation. According to statistical and economic data of the Cyprus Government, during the period from 1963 to 1971, in all 5468 Cypriot Turks emigrated, of these 3935 (72 per cent) went to the United Kingdom, 1021 (19 per cent) to Australia, 209 (3.8 per cent) to Turkey, and the rest to various other countries. Therefore, only 209 Turkish Cypriots in all emigrated to Turkey between 1963 and 1971.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations