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LETTER DATED 15 OCTOBER 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a message addressed to Your Excellency by Dr. Fazıl Küçük, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus, concerning the appointment of a Greek Cypriot as Minister of Health in violation of the Constitution.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency would kindly have Dr. Küçük's message circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Ü. Halûk BAYÜLKEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations

It has just come to my knowledge that Archbishop Makarios has unilaterally designated and appointed a Greek Cypriot as Minister of Health in violation of article 46 of the Constitution which provides that appointments to the Council of Ministers shall be made jointly by the President and Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus. Further this is one of the three ministries allocated to the Turkish Community, which is still held by a Turkish Cypriot whose appointment cannot legally be terminated by anybody other than the Vice-President of the Republic.

This unilateral and unconstitutional appointment is one of a series of unconstitutional and unilateral actions taken by the Greek Cypriot Administration during the recent months, which formed the subject matter of my letter No.1/64/10 of 1 August 1970.

The Turkish Community considers these actions to be provocative. Furthermore, the fact that they are being taken at a time when the inter-communal talks are passing through a delicate phase confirms the Turkish Community's concern that the Greek Cypriot side is not sincerely interested in the success of these talks, because we believe that for the present negotiations to be successful it is of utmost importance that the parties should refrain from any action which is likely to create misunderstanding, provocation or tension. I am sure Your Excellency will agree that if one of the parties to any negotiations continues to put into effect unilaterally the very things which constitute the subject matter of the negotiations, the outcome of such negotiations becomes prejudiced to the detriment of the other party. It also confirms the intention of such party to exploit situations created by them through the use of force in order to impose their will on the other side. Such attitude is certainly not compatible with the spirit of negotiations undertaken in good faith.

In the circumstances, while placing on record the Turkish Community's objections against such unconstitutional appointments, I would like to request that Your Excellency may be pleased to use your good offices to impress upon the Greek side that resort to such high-handed measures is not conducive to the efforts made in search for a peaceful and agreed solution to our problem.

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I should be grateful if the contents of this communication may be brought to the notice of the President and members of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Fazil KUÇUK
Vice-President of the
Republic of Cyprus
