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to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the duty to inform you that Mr. Rauf R. Denktash, the chief agent of Turkey in Cyprus, the person to whom Turkey has entrusted the organizing of a Turkish "State" in occupied Cyprus, has recently accelerated - upon instructions from Ankara - the preparations leading to a unilateral declaration of independence of the occupied area of Cyprus.

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention and that of the Members of the Security Council to Mr. Denktash's decision to institute a "national flag" and a "national anthem" for his illegal entity.

These developments follow the recent secessionist declarations and actions by Mr. Denktash and his followers, already denounced by the Permanent Representative of Cyprus in his letters to Your Excellency dated 23 May 1983 (A/38/235-S/15788) and 22 June 1983 (A/38/284-S/15842).

The newspapers in occupied Cyprus of 20 July 1983 abound with information about the flag and anthem competitions, instigated by Mr. Denktash and organized by the newspaper Günaydin - TFSC Supplement. The winner of the flag competition is Mr. Necmi Astam (one of the thousands of imported settlers from Turkey), whereas the winners of the anthem competition are Messrs. Yilmaz Taner (for the music) and Osman Güvenir (for the lyrics). In a statement, published in the local press on 20 July 1983, the editor of Günaydin - TFSC Supplement said that the anthem and the flag would be submitted for approval to the so-called "Assembly" of occupied Cyprus.

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On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Cyprus, I denounce the aforesaid and other actions by Turkey - perpetrated by Mr. Denktash upon instructions from Ankara - aiming at the dismemberment of my country and the establishment within the territory of the sovereign Republic of Cyprus of an illegal and artificial entity. As is known, similar actions were regretted by the Security Council in its resolution 367 (1975) of 12 March 1975, in paragraph 2 of which the Council "regrets the unilateral decision of 13 February 1975 declaring that a part of the Republic of Cyprus would become 'a Federated Turkish State'".

Furthermore, such illegal designs are contrary to all subsequent Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Cyprus, including the recent, overwhelmingly adopted, Assembly resolution 37/253, in which the Assembly, inter alia:

(a) "Affirms the right of the Republic of Cyprus and its people to full and effective sovereignty and control over the entire territory of Cyprus and its natural and other resources and calls upon all States to support and help the Government of the Republic of Cyprus to exercise these rights" (para. 2);

(b) "Calls upon the parties concerned to refrain from any unilateral action which might adversely affect the prospects of a just and lasting solution of the problem of Cyprus by peaceful means and to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the performance of his task under the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council as well as with the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus" (para. 13);

(c) "Calls upon the parties concerned to refrain from any action which violates or is designed to violate the independence, unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus" (para. 14).

The aforesaid Turkish actions not only violate the relevant United Nations resolutions but, moreover, the very purposes and principles of the United Nations, as expressed in the Charter.

In the area of the contemplated "State", constituting over 36 per cent of the island, where, for millenia, our forebears have lived and been buried, Turkey now intends to forcibly impose a bogus "State" with an implanted population, to obviously act as a satellite under its control. Yet, the Turks know too well that they encroach lands of ancient heritage. Mr. Denktash knows it even better than others, since he personally "donated" 20 illegally acquired ancient Cypriot artefacts to the Bayley Museum of the University of Virginia in the United States of America.

I have the honour to draw the attention of Your Excellency and that of the members of the Security Council to the unending illegal acts and blackmail by Turkey against its victims in Cyprus. These new Turkish violations of Cyprus' sovereignty, which not only undermine Your Excellency's efforts and initiatives within your mandate to seek a solution of the problem of Cyprus but also pose a serious danger to peace and security in the eastern Mediterranean, should be speedily arrested.

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I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 41 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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