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Letter dated 22 June 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 draw your attention and that of the members of the Security Council to a serious development which occurred, on 17 June 1983, through a "resolution" of the so-called Turkish Cypriot Legislative Assembly purporting to arrogate to itself the right to apply separately self-determination in the occupied areas, at the expense of the unity and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and its people as a whole.

This "Turkish Cypriot Legislative Assembly resolution", which states specifically that "the Turkish people have the right to self-determination ...", constitutes an affront to the verdict of the international community, contained in the most recent pronouncements of the General Assembly (resolution 37/253 of 13 May 1983) and of the Security Council (resolution 534 (1983) of 15 June 1983).

The area targeted for applying this unacceptable thesis for self-determination is an indivisible and integral part of the Republic of Cyprus, as affirmed by a host of General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, including the above-mentioned resolutions.

Turkey's ruthless determination to destroy the unity of the State and the agreed basis for a solution of the Cyprus problem, in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and the high-level agreements, should be met with

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resolute opposition by Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council, which by virtue of its repeated decisions bears a special responsibility towards Cyprus and its people.

During my intervention before the Security Council on the recent renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) (S/PV.2453 and S/PV.2454 of 15 June 1983) and in my communication addressed to you on 23 May 1983, (A/38/235-S/15788), I had occasion to explain the fundamental fallacy, and world-wide dangers emanating from an eventual application of the new Turkish "doctrine" for separate self-determination for communities and ethnic groups, the real aim of which is to achieve through sheer blackmail and diktat the consolidation of the fruits of aggression and the partition, with an eye to annexation, of the non-aligned Republic of Cyprus.

In the face of this new provocation, the Security Council, and indeed the international community as a whole, is now placed more vividly than before with the compelling necessity of actively opposing and resisting Turkey's moves to devour - as my Foreign Minister recently stated before the General Assembly - the Republic of Cyprus, by not allowing the occupying Power to continue trampling under foot repeated Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Cyprus unanimously or near unanimously adopted.

I am confident that you, Mr. Secretary-General, in accordance with your mandate under the relevant United Nations resolutions, and the Security Council, which is permanently seized of the question of Cyprus, will act decidedly as warranted by the seriousness of the situation created by this new partitionist move of Turkey and its instruments in the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus.

I would be grateful if Your Excellency would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 41 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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