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Letter dated 26 September 1983 from the Permanent
Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

By our letter of 27 July 1983 (A/38/319-S/15894), we brought to your attention the secessionist decision of Denktash's illegal régime, acting upon instructions from Ankara, to institute a "national flag" and a "national anthem" for his illegal entity.

Mr. Denktash is now moving one step forward towards the realization of the illegal designs of Turkey. According to the Turkish Cypriot papers, on 14 September 1983 the so-called "cabinet" of Ankara's puppet régime in the occupied territory of the Republic of Cyprus met and decided to prepare a "draft law" on the new flag to be adopted. The so-called "foreign and defence Ministry" of Mr. Denktash's non-existent entity was assigned the duty of preparing this "draft law".

Such provocative actions, which form part and parcel of the series of secessionist and partitionist designs instigated and encouraged by Ankara, aim at undermining the internationally recognized state foundations of the Republic of Cyprus. Furthermore, they tend to torpedo the process and efforts exerted towards finding a just and lasting solution of the problem of Cyprus - a solution that should safeguard the unity of the State as well as the unity of the people of Cyprus. Moreover, such actions reveal once again the real intentions of Turkey vis-à-vis the problem of Cyprus.

Ankara's approach to the Cyprus problem has all along been designed to prejudge a "solution" envisaged to favour its objectives, namely, the partition of the island, the destruction rather than the preservation of the State, and the ultimate annexation of the island at some future opportune moment.

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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the duty to protest such provocative and separatist actions of the illegal puppet régime of Mr. Denktash.

It is not a coincidence that such actions always take place at the most sensitive and delicate phases of the Cyprus problem.

The new decision of Mr. Denktash's fictitious "cabinet" was taken on the very same day - 14 September 1983 - that His Excellency the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, was meeting with you at Headquarters for the promotion of your expressed initiative and your renewed efforts and personal involvement aiming at finding a just and permanent solution to the Cyprus problem, based on the United Nations resolutions on Cyprus and the high-level agreements - a solution that would safeguard the unity, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all its people.

It is the sincere hope of the Government and the people of Cyprus as a whole that Your Excellency will do your utmost to find ways and means to intervene effectively at this most crucial phase of the Cyprus problem, with a view to arresting these and other separatist actions of Turkey.

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

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