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Letter dated 18 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 18 October 1979 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 18 October 1979 from Mr. Nail Atalay
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter circulated as a document of the United Nations (A/34/543-S/13566) on 3 October 1979 and signed by Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis as the so-called "Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations".

The recent resolution, referred to in his letter, of the Greek Cypriot House of Representatives once again proves that the Greek Cypriot side still maintains the same spirit and philosophy that they had while preparing the infamous onslaught against the Turkish Cypriot side in 1963.

My president, His Excellency Mr. Denktas, commenting on the aforementioned resolution, pointed out that the whole approach of the Greek Cypriots was centred on the establishment of Greek Cypriot domination over Cyprus and denial of the right to live to the Turks on the island.

The full text of President Denktas's comments is as follows:

"We looked for a positive aspect of this resolution. We found none. The Greek Cypriot House of Representatives:

"(1) By labelling Turkey as an 'occupation' force, has shown that it continues to speak for Cyprus and continues its aggression under the false pretence of government. This is unacceptable for us.

"(2) Through its intervention, Turkey put an end of the 11-year Greek Cypriot struggle for the destruction of independence for the sake of enosis, and by foiling the Greek Cypriot intrigues for the destruction of the independence based on the existence of two ethnic communities, has saved the bi-communal independence of Cyprus.

"Efforts aimed at accusing Turkey of aiming to destroy the independence of Cyprus are wrong and are nothing but a continuation of the misleading Greek Cypriot propaganda.

"(3) The appeal for the implementation of the United Nations resolutions, and complaints that these have not been implemented for 5 years now are also continuation of the same propaganda.

"Those wishing the implementation of the United Nations resolutions should not have impeded the right of speech of the Turkish Cypriot community - which is one of the co-founder partners of the Republic - during the adoption of these resolutions. Resolutions adopted through lies and false propaganda and in the absence of the interested parties cannot have moral values and cannot be binding.

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Furthermore, the Greek Cypriot House of Representatives aims at removing:

"(a) The agreement for the choice of place of settlement during the exchange of prisoners of war,

"(b) The population exchange agreement of 1975,

"(c) The 1977 Summit Agreement,

"(d) The 1979 Summit Agreement,

reached between the two ethnic communities of Cyprus for the solution of the problem. This is to say their aim still continues to be a return to the pre-1974 conditions.

"Reference to the two Summit meetings is misleading because the contents of the resolution imply total rejection of the principles that constitute the basis of these meetings, and also the rejection of security and bizonality which constitute the fundamental principle of the 1977 Summit.

"(4) The division of the Cyprus problem into two sections as 'internal' and 'external' and the demand 'to hold an international conference to discuss international aspects of the Cyprus problem even without the consent of Turkey' show that the Greek Cypriots still maintain the same spirit and philosophy that they had while preparing the 1963 attacks.

"The whole approach is centred on the establishment of Greek Cypriot domination over Cyprus and denying to the Turkish Cypriot community the right to live. The resolution is a mere propaganda gambit drafted to deceive those who are not aware of the facts of the Cyprus problem.

"The resolutions which they try to get and manage to extract at international forums by those who claim to accept the framework drawn at the Summit meeting constitute a violation of the letter and spirit of the Summit meeting.

"This is our assessment of the propaganda oriented so-called resolution of the Greek Cypriot House of Representatives. This resolution aims at usurping all the rights of the Turkish Cypriot community, is full of misleading terms, invites the Turkish Cypriot community to accept minority status in Cyprus, disregards the security requirements of the Turkish Cypriot community, and under guise of appealing for the implementation of United Nations resolutions completely destroys a bizonal federal system.

"If our assessment is wrong and if the Greek Cypriots adopt a bizonal federal system within the framework of the Summit meetings, and if they accept as a basis the Summit meetings and they do not want to retract from

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the bilateral agreements concluded between the two communities, they must withdraw their recourse to the United Nations and return to the negotiations for the resumption of the intercommunal talks."

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(Signed) Nail ATALAY
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Turkish Federated State of Cyprus