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Letter dated 2 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to our communication of 16 October 1979 (A/34/578-S/13574), I have the honour to inform you that the Turkish occupation "authorities", in pursuit of their expansionist objectives, are now implementing their announced decision to prevent the International Committee of the Red Cross from facilitating the exchange of messages-letters between the enclaved Greek Cypriots in the occupied area and their relatives in the free areas of the Republic, as well as to prevent the dispatch of parcels addressed to those unfortunate people by their relatives even when they contain medicine or baby food.

I wish to stress the fact that the aforementioned actions constitute a clear violation of the fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 1949, 1/ to which Turkey is a contracting Party, and specifically of articles 23, 25 and 26 thereof.

Furthermore, it should be pointed out that, with regard to the Greek Cypriots living in the occupied areas, there also exists a special agreement reached at the third round of the intercommunal talks held at Vienna in August 1975 in the presence of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

This humanitarian agreement provides, inter alia, that the Greek Cypriots in the occupied area "are free to stay and will be given every help to lead a normal life, facilities for education and for the practice of their religion, as well as medical care by their own doctors and freedom of movement in the north". It is a well-known fact that the Turkish side not only failed to honour its commitments under the agreement, but also proceeded, in flagrant violation of international law and of specific United Nations resolutions on Cyprus, to expel massively the

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

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thousands of indigenous Greek Cypriot inhabitants from the occupied area so that there now remain only 1,484.

In drawing attention to the ominous implications of such actions of the Turkish occupation "authorities" on the fate of the enclaved indigenous Cypriot inhabitants in the occupied area, I wish to express the earnest hope that Your Excellency will find it possible to intervene with a view to putting an end to this inhuman process.

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

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