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Letter dated 23 August 1978 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 23 August 1978 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I shall be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nazmi AKIMAN
First Deputy Permanent
Representative
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 23 August 1978 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 8 August 1978 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Osman Örek, the Prime Minister of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I shall be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative

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APPENDIX

Letter dated 8 August 1978 from Mr. Osman Örek
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention a recent programme broadcast by the Greek Cypriot controlled "Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation", which has caused great indignation both among the Turkish Cypriot community and on my part personally as the Prime Minister of that community.

The said programme was broadcast on the night of 21 July 1978, and it depicted a Turkish Cypriot seated among three Greek Cypriots around a table in a Greek coffee shop in the south drinking alcohol and being interviewed by a reporter of the so-called Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation. The interview was in Greek, with Turkish subtitles.

Decency forbids me to repeat here the insults and slanderous language this Turkish Cypriot was heard using against the President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus in particular, and Turks in general, in the course of this interview. The significant thing to note, however, is not the type of language this person opted to use, for this only shows his personal character, but the fact that such obscenity was unabashedly broadcast on the public television of the Greek Cypriot community with total lack of regard for all norms of decency, humanity and public morality, against a person who is the democratically elected President of the Turkish Cypriot community. It is indeed most regrettable that the "CBC", which, since its establishment, has only fostered dissension between the two communities by declaring the Turks "the national enemy of the Greeks", has not in the least changed this distorted mentality and has gone as low as using a puppet of such questionable standing to advance the baseless argument that Turkish Cypriots are dissatisfied with their leadership and the conditions in the north. As the Turkish Cypriot side has recently pointed out to Mr. Kyprianou, it is always prepared to hold a referendum in the north in order to find out how many Turkish Cypriots actually wish to move to his alleged "utopia" in the south, if need be.

As you are aware, recently the Greek Cypriot side has resorted to every conceivable tactic in a vain attempt to create the impression that there is a divergence of views between the Turkish Cypriot community and leadership as regards the Cyprus problem. The aforementioned television programme demonstrates how base and repulsive such propaganda can get and how desperate the Greek Cypriot leadership indeed is in its efforts to create division with the Turkish community.

I am sure you will agree with me that the dissemination of such slander through the use of public media not only constitutes a flagrant violation of the ethics of the journalistic profession but is also most unfortunate at a time when the Turkish Cypriot side is showing every effort and goodwill for the resumption of the intercommunal talks.

(Signed) Osman ÖREK
Prime Minister
