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LETTER DATED 8 MARCH 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I would like to draw your attention to a speech made by Archbishop Makarios on 2 March 1965 during his official visit to the Greek military camps where he is reported to have stated the following:

"We stand united in the present struggle to ensure the security and integrity of our island and its union with motherland Greece. Enosis has been a goal aspired to and cherished by Greek Cypriots for generations. The aspirations and the perseverance of the countless Greek generations should find their reflections in your eyes. Each passing moment gives shape to our destiny; and this destiny can have no other meaning than Enosis. It can be nothing else than the union of Cyprus with Greece of which it constitutes an inseparable and unbreakable part. For three thousand years the Cypriot spirit existed as a genuine component of the great Greek spirit. Its pulse is beating now with the anticipation of the historic day on which Enosis will become a reality. But before Cyprus could unite with Greece, Greece has already united with Cyprus. Greece has sent her sons to struggle and die if necessary for their beloved brethren on the island."

This brazen but candid statement should help dispel any lingering doubts about the true intentions of the Greek Cypriots and the full complicity of the Government of Greece in the nefarious scheme put into operation against the Turkish people of Cyprus in December 1963.

As I have already declared in the General Assembly on 26 January 1965 (A/PV.1323) "the annexation of the island by Greece and the domination and enslavement of the Turks by the Greeks in Cyprus can never and shall never be accepted" by the Turkish Government.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

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to the United Nations