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LETTER DATED 21 APRIL 1972 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I., OF TURKEY  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to present herewith the text of the message addressed to Your Excellency by Dr. Fazil Küçük, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus, on Archbishop Makarios' statement contained in document S/10586.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency would kindly have Vice-President Dr. Küçük's message circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Semih BELEN  
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

Letter dated 17 April 1972 from Dr. Fazil Küçük, Vice-President  
of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to Archbishop Makarios' offer to discuss general disarmament of the two communities, which was made through a statement to the local press on 2 April 1972, I would like to make the following comments:

1. It is generally known that the piling up of arms, as well as the armed confrontation between the two communities, are not the causes of the present political strife in Cyprus but are its consequences. Archbishop Makarios is trying to put the cart before the horse by not including any element in his so-called offer which would help the settlement of the political problems confronting Cyprus.

2. The present political strife has been intensified on account of his importation of huge quantities of heavy arms and war materials from Czechoslovakia and his refusal to place them under the full custody of UNFICYP or to re-export them from Cyprus. As a result of this wanton breach of the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, the commencement of the five-party talks proposed by the United Nations Secretary-General has been delayed. In the circumstances, one cannot take seriously an offer for general disarmament coming from quarters which have chosen to import clandestinely such a huge quantity of arms into Cyprus at a time when talks for a peaceful settlement were to start.

3. It is generally known that the Turkish Community which has been the target of all sorts of aggression by the Greek Cypriot side since December 1963, has all along been demanding respect for the constitution of the Republic and stressing the fact that once such a respect is forthcoming from all the parties concerned, all problems confronting Cyprus, including disarmament and armed confrontation, can easily and speedily be resolved.

4. In the circumstances, the only appropriate measure to be taken is for Archbishop Makarios to agree to the re-exportation from Cyprus or placing under UNFICYP's full custody of the Czech arms which constitute the main obstacle to the resumption of the talks.

In view of the fact that Greek Cypriot Administration has secured the circulation of Archbishop Makarios' above-mentioned statement as a Security Council document, I should be grateful if the above comments, which reflect the views of the Turkish Community of Cyprus on the matter, may also be similarly circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Dr. F. KÜÇÜK  
Vice-President of the  
Republic of Cyprus

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