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The distortion of the facts and the torturing of the data are the only tools which remain in the hands of the representative of Turkey, and he uses them in order to support a lost cause for himself and his country. This is what his letter dated 27 August 1965 (S/6635) shows and proves. But the truth cannot be concealed.

Ambassador Eralp in his communication states that we ask the readers of our letter (S/6630) to believe that when his Government "declares its policy of wishing to see an independent Cyprus under a 'federation', it actually seeks 'partition'." Our answer is again in the affirmative. When Turkey talks about federation, it means partition. This is proved not by our own interpretation, but by the statements of Turkish officials, appearing in our letter (S/6630). Therefore, any attempt by the representative of Turkey to give any other meaning to his Government's proposals for federation, is nothing but an effort to belie his superiors.

By proposing a new solution for Cyprus, Turkey now confesses publicly that the Constitution of Cyprus has been proved unworkable and, therefore, the cause of the trouble lies in the London and Zurich agreements. This confession comes with some delay but better late than never. However, Turkey's admission of the failure of these Agreements does not help at all. The Turkish plan does not serve the interest of "the people of Cyprus as a whole", as stated in the 4 March 1964 resolution, but the interests of Turkey. Moreover, the efforts of Turkey to impose its own will on Cyprus is against the basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations and against the wishes of the people of Cyprus. We will not permit any foreign power to intervene in our own affairs. Our freedom was won with bloodshed and suffering and the people of Cyprus will continue to safeguard it.

Ambassador Eralp in his efforts to justify the sinister intention of his Government, to impose federation on Cyprus, refers to certain countries as examples of a federal system of Government, such as Switzerland, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union. But, in none of these countries was federation created in order to serve the expansionist policy of a foreign State. In Cyprus, where the Turkish minority constituting 18 per cent of the population is scattered all over the Island, the Government of Cyprus does not intend to transfer thousands of people from one place to another "contrary to all the enlightened principles of the present time, including those set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights", as stated by the Mediator in his Report (S/6253), and to create artificial boundaries, merely to satisfy the expansionist policy of Turkey.

It might probably amuse the Members of the United Nations to read in Ambassador Eralp's letter (S/6635) that the "struggle of Cyprus emerges as an imperialistic endeavour of the Greeks of Cyprus". We are not going to comment upon it. But we will leave it to the readers to draw their own conclusion as to how a country with a population of a little more than half a million people can have any "imperialistic endeavour"! The people of Cyprus are indeed prepared for an endeavour, an honest endeavour, to fight and defend their land.

Ambassador Eralp's attempt to impute to the Government of Cyprus the interpretation that the stationing of the Peace-Keeping Force in the Island is an intervention in the internal affairs of Cyprus fails miserably and will not delude the intelligence of the members of the Security Council. The Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus is stationed there "with the consent of the Government of Cyprus", in conformity with the resolution of 4 March 1964. It is the same Government "which has the responsibility for the maintenance and restoration of law and order", according to the above resolution.

Excellency, it is Turkey which rejected the proposals of President Makarios in his efforts to create a workable Constitution, before the Turks of Cyprus had even studied these proposals.

It is Turkey which prevents the normal functioning of the State with threats and acts of aggression.

It is Turkey which persistently endeavours to impose its will on the population of Cyprus.

It is Turkey which flagrantly violated the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus by the most atrocious attacks with napalm bombs against an innocent population.

It is Turkey which rejected the Mediator's Report, thus not only violating the 4 March 1964 resolution, but also frustrating the efforts of the United Nations to solve the problem of Cyprus.

Your Excellency is kindly requested to circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations

