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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to present herewith a letter addressed to Your Excellency by Dr. Fazil Küçük, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus concerning the unilateral designation and appointment by Archbishop Makarios of a Greek Cypriot as Minister of Health in contravention of the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus.

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

(Signed) Osman OLCAY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Letter dated 6 October 1972 from Mr. F. Küçük, Vice-President
of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed to the Secretary-General

It has come to my knowledge through press reports that Archbishop Makarios has unilaterally designated and appointed a Greek Cypriot as Minister of Health in violation of article 46 of the Constitution, which provides that appointments to the Council of Ministers shall be made jointly by the President and Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus. Further, this is one of the three Ministries allocated to the Turkish Community which is still held by a Turkish Cypriot whose appointment cannot legally be terminated by anybody other than the Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus.

In the circumstances, I would like to place on record, once again, that we consider the appointment in question null and void and, in any case, not binding on the Republic of Cyprus as a whole or on its Turkish component.

I shall be grateful if this communication may be circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) F. KÜÇÜK
Vice-President of the Republic
of Cyprus and
President of the Turkish Cypriot
Administration

