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LETTER DATED 23 JANUARY 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have received the document S/5512 containing the letter addressed to the President of the Security Council, dated January 11, 1964, by Ambassador Rossides who is, by the way, declared unable to represent Cyprus legally and constitutionally by Dr. Kükük, the Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus, for the reasons mentioned in his communications to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations, dated December 27, 1963 (document S/5491).

As Your Excellency is aware, I had refrained from answering in detail the previous letter of Mr. Rossides, in a spirit needed to contribute to the success of the Conference in London. More than ever animated by the same spirit, I wish I were not obliged to have to answer the new unfounded allegations against my Government. But it should be admitted that I cannot leave such allegations go on record without, at least, straightening the facts.

No threats to the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus has been made by my Government. No charge to unilaterally create conditions calculated to prejudice the outcome of the Conference can be made against my Government who has sought, by every means, to reach a peaceful settlement of this problem, including the meeting of the Conference in London and more recently the appointment of a personal representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Cyprus.

The good will emanating from the Prime Minister's message is also known to you.

As for the reference made to the attitude of some leaders of the Turkish community in Cyprus which has been described as unconstitutional, I do not doubt that the interested leaders will give their answers in due time. However, I cannot refrain from mentioning that the whole tragic Cyprus affair started

because the Greek Cypriots violated the Constitution and massacred innocent Turkish people, even women and children, in an effort to get rid of this Constitution while the Turkish community in the island wanted it to be respected.

By virtue of the Constitution and international agreements, the Republic of Cyprus undertook, inter alia, "to insure respect for its Constitution" and "to prohibit any activity likely to promote, directly or indirectly, union with any other State ..." The Greek Cypriot leaders, since the adoption of the Constitution and in complete disregard of the obligations set forth by it, have repeatedly made public statements in violation of the Constitution and unlawfully and deliberately taken every step to wreck the Constitution and to endanger the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus by openly promoting and encouraging Enosis. And, finally, in order to achieve their aims by force they started a wholesale massacre of the members of the Turkish Cypriot Community, including women and children.

The Turkish side, on the other hand, have always done their utmost to uphold the Constitution and foster respect for its provisions.

I am also, unfortunately, compelled to mention that while Mr. Rossides has been addressing these letters to you, the Vice-President Dr. Kıfık's office was plundered by armed bands of Greek Cypriots and trenches were being discovered in the village of Aghia Vasilios of Cyprus containing the dead bodies of thirty Turks, including a ten-year old boy, who had been shot in the back while their hands were tied, during the Christmas Day massacre.

All these and other ascertained facts were reported by the international press.

May I request Your Excellency to use his good offices to have this letter circulated as a document among the members of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Adnan Kural  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
Turkey to the United Nations

