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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit enclosed herewith a copy of the message addressed to Mr. İsmet İnönü, Prime Minister of Turkey, by Dr. Fazıl Küçük, Vice-President of Cyprus.

Dr. Küçük has requested that a copy of this message be forwarded to Your Excellency for your information.

I will appreciate it if you will kindly have this text circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations

Prime Minister of Turkey
Nicosia
Turkey

I learned from press and radio reports that by a letter to you President Archbishop Makarios has informed you that the Treaty of Alliance concluded between Cyprus, Greece and Turkey has ceased to be in force and that it no longer binds the Republic of Cyprus. This action is yet another flagrant example of violation of Cyprus Constitution and of the constitutional rights conferred upon the Vice-President of the Republic.

While I protest against the action taken unilaterally by Greek members of the Council of Ministers in a matter concerning foreign affairs, I request you to take note that the Treaty of Alliance is one of the basic articles of our Constitution which cannot be amended, changed or abrogated unilaterally, let alone without taking my approval.

The Treaty of Alliance having been concluded with the object of preserving peace and security in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, this action purported to be taken on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus is in direct contradiction with paragraph 1 of the Security Council resolution passed on 4 March 1964 which calls upon all Member States to refrain from any action or threat of action likely to endanger international peace.

5 March 1964

Dr. Fazıl Küçük
Vice-President
Nicosia, Cyprus

