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LETTER DATED 4 JUNE 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit enclosed the copy of a letter addressed to His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus, by Dr. Fazıl Küçük, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus, for the information of the members of the Security Council.

I will be obliged to Your Excellency if you will kindly circulate the text of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

I avail myself of this opportunity etc.,

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

Vice-President
Residence and Office
Nicosia, 3 June 1964

Your Beatitude,

Since 21 December 1963, the operation of the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus has actually been prevented, through use of force, by the Greek members of the constitutional organs and by the President himself.

As a result of the attacks which were launched on 21 December 1963, and which were organized and directed by the Greeks in authority, hundreds of Turks have been denied the right to live and have been subjected to torture and inhuman treatment in violation of express constitutional provisions, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, of the European Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental liberties and, in short, in contravention of all humanitarian principles. In addition to these acts and despite the express provisions of the Constitution and without my participation, effort has been made to increasing the number of the Security and Armed Forces, to instituting compulsory military service and to purchasing and importing into the island great quantities of heavy arms and war materials (besides the arms already smuggled).

Further, hundreds of Turks have been abducted and have thus been deprived of their liberties and, as you have already admitted, many of these have been brutally murdered. Moreover, again according to the express provisions of the Constitution, though every person is equal before the law, the Administration and justice, and even though every person should enjoy all the rights and liberties provided for in the Constitution without being subjected to any discriminatory treatment on the ground of his community, race, religion, language, sex or nationality, members of the Turkish Cypriot Community have flagrantly been discriminated against and in some cases they have even been systematically deprived of most essential public services, such as water, electricity and postal communication.

Despite many appeals which I have made previously, the President of the Republic and other Greek persons in authority have not taken any action with a view to ensuring the revival of the Constitution.

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To the newspaper (To Vima) published in Athens, you confirmed once again that you regard the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus as no longer being in force. This attitude of yours, which has no legal basis at all, is a new example of violation of the Constitution, and at the same time is contrary to the resolution of the Security Council dated 4 March 1964, because this resolution envisaged that the existing Constitution will be respected until a solution acceptable to the parties is found by the mediator appointed by the Secretary-General. In these circumstances, with a view to giving an end to the bloody events which have resulted in the death of hundreds of persons and to the agonies of the Turkish and Greek Cypriots, I call upon you once more, before world public opinion, to perform jointly with me the duty of ensuring respect for the constitutional order for which we carry joint responsibility.

With this object:

(1) First of all, I call upon you to make a categorical declaration that, pending the finding of a solution acceptable to the parties you continue to consider as imperative that the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus and the International Agreements, which constitute an integral part of it and which bear both your signature and mine, be respected and be made to be respected as the constitutional order in force. I call upon you that every person in Cyprus, irrespective of community, language, religion, race, or any other ground, should benefit from rights and liberties bestowed on him by the Constitution without being subjected to any discriminatory treatment.

(2) After you have made this declaration, I ask that the Council of Ministers, with the participation of all Greek and Turkish members in conformity with the Constitution, should meet in a place on the Green Line, the security of which should be ensured exclusively by the United Nations Peace Force, as there is no other way at the present moment of ensuring indispensable security conditions for the purpose of taking the necessary measures in respect of the subjects included in the following agenda:

- (a) Decision taken on 1 June 1964, by the Greek members of the House of Representatives with regard to the institution of compulsory military service,

- (b) The distribution and stationing of the Security Forces having regard to the siege of members of the Turkish community,
- (c) Appointments made in the establishments of the security forces,
- (d) The composition and size of the armed forces and credits (financial provision) for them,
- (e) The enforcement of paragraph 3 of article 123 and article 132 of the Constitution,
- (f) The importation into the island of war materials and explosives of all kind and,
- (g) The study in the light of the provisions of the Constitution of all decisions taken only by Greek members of the Council of Ministers, in the subjects of foreign affairs, defence and security since 21 December 1963.

I expect you to furnish a reply to this call which I make upon you.

A copy of this document has been sent to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Greece which are the guarantors of the constitutional order of the Republic of Cyprus.

Dr. Fazıl Küçük
Vice-President
of the Republic of Cyprus

The Beatitude
Archbishop Makarios
The President of the
Republic of Cyprus
Nicosia

