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Letter dated 18 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 18 April 1984 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter and its enclosure were circulated as a document of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Coşkun KIRCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 18 April 1984 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

On 24 March 1984, the eve of Greek Independence Day, the Greek Cypriot television broadcast a speech by Mr. Zacharakis, the Ambassador of Greece to south Cyprus.

In his revealing speech, an extract from which is enclosed for your evaluation, Mr. Zacharakis reiterated, yet again, the all-too-familiar Greek aspirations vis-a-vis Cyprus, and in doing so, has demonstrated Greek insincerity and disinterest in the peace process which is being pursued within the framework of Your Excellency's mission of good offices, in connection with the resolution of the Cyprus problem.

Your Excellency has already been made aware, on numerous occasions in the past, of statements issued and speeches made by various Greek leaders and officials who view Cyprus as a "Greek island". In line with this distorted vision and through his latest provocative speech, Mr. Zacharakis has again signalled the continuation of the well-known chauvinistic Greek policies emanating from the archaic goals and expansionist policies embodied in the so-called "megali idea". As Your Excellency is well aware, the Enosis movement in Cyprus is, according to the stated aims of the movement, an extension, and an obvious outcome of the "megali idea", and by upholding this expansionist ideology in his speech, Mr. Zacharakis has given encouragement to the Greek Cypriots to continue the Enosis campaign and to perpetuate their intransigent policies which continue to be the main impediment to the finding of a final, peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem.

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Moreover, it is significant that the timing of Mr. Zacharakis' provocative speech coincides with the further intensification in the efforts and activities of the Greek Cypriots, in collaboration with Greece, to build up their armaments and armed forces in south Cyprus, a dangerous and adventurous process which, as stated by Mr. Zacharakis in his said speech, is reaching its completion stage.

It is obvious that Mr. Zacharakis' speech, far from urging the Greek Cypriots to seek a peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem within the framework of the already agreed principles between the two sides, proposes, on the contrary, to resort, once more, to armed force in order to obtain quite a different result not based on peaceful reconciliation. In that regard, the Turkish Cypriot people are justified in evaluating the Greek Ambassador's said speech not as a farewell but as a call to arms on the part of Greece and the Greek Cypriots, and accordingly view it with utmost concern.

I should be grateful if this letter and its enclosure were circulated as a document of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the
Turkish Republic of
Northern Cyprus

APPENDIX

EXTRACT FROM THE SPEECH GIVEN BY THE GREEK
AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH CYPRUS, MR, ZACHARAKIS
(BROADCAST ON GREEK CYPRIOT TELEVISION ON
24 MARCH 1984, ON THE EVE OF THE GREEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY)

Cypriot Hellenism, being fully aware of the fact that making concessions in the name of reconciliation is a never-ending process, can unhesitatingly count on the support and solidarity extended to it by Greece.

It is not possible for us to retreat any further from our national territories. We have long crossed the margin. We cannot tolerate any further bleeding of our wound, because if we lose Cyprus, Hellenism's sphere of existence will be dealt a fatal blow. The Motherland, which is the Hellenic Metropolis, and this Hellenic land, which is a charming extension of Hellenic territories, are facing the same danger. The drama which Cyprus is undergoing cannot be considered as having come to an end, or as a thing of the past. This festering wound must be tended to and healed. Because of this, Cypriot Hellenism, irrespective of how long its struggle may take, will continue to resist regardless of the adversary's manpower, just as its ancestors did in creating the epic of 1821. Thanks to our steel resolve, we are now at the completion stage of a system designed to protect every inch of Hellenic territory against any danger or aggression. Therefore, in a spirit of realism, you should leave petty considerations aside and unite in harmony on how best to utilize the support which will be extended to you by Greece.
