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Letter dated 17 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of  
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter dated 17 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

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to the Secretary-General

At a time when serious efforts are being made for bringing the Turkish and Greek Cypriot peoples together at the negotiating table with the aim of settling the long standing dispute between them, it is really discouraging to observe the continuation, on the part of the Greek Cypriot administration, of the hostile measures against the Turkish Cypriot people. I am sure you will agree with me that insistence on measures amounting to an economic embargo on the Turkish Cypriot people will do nothing but exacerbate the situation and hamper the moves towards the settlement of the Cyprus dispute.

As you are aware, the Greek Cypriot administration has standing orders to prevent visitors who enter Cyprus through the sea and air ports in the North from visiting the South. Visitors entering Cyprus through southern ports are rarely allowed to come to the North and even then, with the strictest instructions that they should be back in the South before sunset. Foreign visitors in the South wishing to travel to Turkey are not allowed by the Greek Cypriot administration to do so from Erchan airport and reach their destination in three quarters of an hour. Instead, they are compelled to travel via Athens and thus incur extra expense in addition to being inconvenienced through longer journey and loss of time.

It is really disheartening to see these measures being ruthlessly applied when our goodwill measures of 2 January 1984, aimed at bringing Turkish and Greek Cypriot peoples closer as a step towards a peaceful reconciliation, are still on the table. This dismay, I regret to say, has of late, deepened, with the fact that we are now confronted not only with the Greek Cypriot economic embargo but also a combined Greek and Greek Cypriot effort aimed at the ultimate economic strangulation of the Turkish Cypriot people.

Their joint efforts to impose a total ban on the exports of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to the EEC is indicative of their obstinate persistence in following a destructive course.

I wish to protest in the strongest terms against the Greek Cypriot efforts towards reinforcement of the economic embargo against the Turkish Cypriot people and their state. Unjust and inhuman measures like these do nothing but worsen the relations between the two peoples of the island at a time when just the opposite is called for.

I should be grateful if this letter 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

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