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Letter dated 4 July 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention and to that of the members of the Security Council an ominous threat by the Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr. Turgut Ozal, as reported on 23 June 1984 in the Turkish daily Cumhuriyet, to transform the areas of the Republic of Cyprus under Turkish occupation since 1974 into a "free trade zone".

This is but the latest manifestation of Turkey's determination to perpetuate its military and economic stranglehold over the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus with an eye to the destruction of the Republic. It strikes at the roots of the sovereignty and economic unity of Cyprus and hence constitutes another blatant violation on the part of Turkey of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and all United Nations resolutions on Cyprus, including the very recently adopted Security Council resolution 550 (1984). It affirms once again that Turkey has full control over the occupied areas and that Mr. Denktash is only an instrument for the promotion of the Turkish policy of division and partition.

The areas to be turned into a "free trade zone" constitute an integral part of the Republic of Cyprus, over which my Government has full sovereignty as recognized by international law and as repeatedly confirmed by a number of relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.

Against the background of Turkey's unprecedented aggressive conduct and actions towards Cyprus since 1974, when it invaded, plundered, looted and colonized close to 40 per cent of the Republic of Cyprus, the Security Council and the General Assembly have repeatedly adopted unanimous or near-unanimous resolutions demanding that Ankara cease and desist from its aggressive actions, withdraw its occupation troops and allow the refugees to return to their homes in safety. Turkey has not only failed to comply with the mandatory decisions of the Security Council, as well as the resolutions of the General Assembly, but instead has

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embarked upon new policies of brinkmanship, culminating in the declaration on 15 November 1983 of the pseudo-state and in further secessionist acts, such as the one I bring to your attention today.

I need hardly remind Your Excellency of the contemptuous disregard that these latest acts by Ankara demonstrate towards Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984), and the apparent attempt to undermine the personal initiative and effort you have just undertaken. Consequently, it is my Government's position that every possible step should be taken with a view to putting an end to this sinister process of faits accomplis, unmistakably aimed at destroying all prospects of success of your personal initiative and the destruction of the Republic of Cyprus.

In strongly protesting, on behalf of my Government, this most recent illegal act, I have the honour to reiterate my Government's full support of your mission of good offices for a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem in conformity with the high-level agreements and the relevant United Nations resolutions.

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.

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