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QUESTION OF CYPRUS

Letter dated 14 October 1976 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 14 October 1976 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 118.

(Signed) Iltar TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 14 October 1976 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a statement by the representative of the Greek Cypriot Community, Mr. Rossides, at the session of the General Assembly on 13 October 1976 in which he referred to the Turkish Cypriot leadership as "puppets".

It seems that the inveterate passions of Mr. Rossides blind him to facts which speak for themselves.

On 20 June 1976 elections were held both for the presidency of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus and the House of Representatives. The electoral turnout was 83 per cent. In the presidential elections, in which four candidates contested, H.E. Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş received 76.61 per cent of the votes and was thus elected.

For the 40 seats in the House of Representatives, four parties participated in the elections: National Unity Party (NUP), Communal Liberation Party (CLP), Republican Turkish Party (RTP) and Populist Party (PP). The distribution of the seats in the House is as follows, according to the election returns:

NUP - 30	RTP - 2
CLP - 6	PP - 2

The freely elected leadership of the Turkish Community carries out the policies which have been overwhelmingly supported by the Turkish Cypriot people in accordance with the mandate it has been given. The Turkish Cypriot leadership is authorized by and is responsible to only its people, as is the case in democratic societies.

Mr. Rossides seems either totally ignorant of the developments in the Turkish Community or his self-delusion leads to such a blatant slander that it is an affront to human intelligence.

Puppets have enjoyed occasional power in Cyprus, but they were the puppets of Athens in the Greek Cypriot Community.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 118.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the
Turkish Federated State of Cyprus
