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Letter dated 31 July 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On 20 July 1984, the date which marked the tenth anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, memorial services were being held in the free territories of the Republic of Cyprus. Flags were flying half-mast and church bells tolled in mourning, as the people of Cyprus remembered their dead and missing, and the homes and properties they were forced to abandon by the Turkish invasion forces.

In the occupied territories of the Republic of Cyprus, the same grim anniversary was being celebrated by the Turkish occupier of our homes and lands with medal awarding ceremonies and military parades and exercises, including the re-enactment of the Turkish invasion. These ceremonies, which manifest the epitome of Turkish arrogance and provocation, included participation of Turkish military aircraft and parachuting of troops in the same locations of the brutal Turkish invasion of the summer of 1974. The exercises and ceremonies were attended by many Turkish officials, headed by retired General Nurettin Ersin of the Turkish Army and member of the Turkish Presidential Council, who represented President Evren.

For the horrifying crime of 1974 to be celebrated by insolent festivities while the victims of aggression still continue to suffer its tragic consequences, the inhuman expulsion and uprooting, the death, the misery and the agonizing drama of the missing, is seldom encountered in the history of nations.

While the international community, during these 10 years, has adopted numerous resolutions condemning the Turkish invasion, military occupation and all partitionist and secessionist actions of Turkey that followed the aggression against the Republic of Cyprus and its people as a whole, Turkey, adding insult to injury, shamefully celebrates and boastfully re-enacts those crimes, in another demonstration of utter disregard and defiance of world opinion and international legal order.

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Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to protest to Your Excellency, and through you to all States Members of the United Nations, the above-mentioned unprecedented Turkish provocations.

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

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to the United Nations
