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Letter dated 31 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 Excellency's attention and to that of the membership of the General Assembly and of the Security Council, the following:

1. Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership, acting in flagrant violation of the United Nations resolutions on Cyprus, particularly Security Council mandatory resolutions 541 (1983) of 18 November 1983 and 550 (1984) of 11 May 1984, have recently proceeded with yet another secessionist act, i.e. the issue of "passports" under the name of the so-called "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus", with the obvious aim to perpetuate the attempted dismemberment of the Republic of Cyprus and consolidate the purported secession of Cyprus territory which is illegally occupied by the military forces of Turkey.

2. The aforementioned, most serious, illegal and unacceptable action strikes naturally at the very foundations of the Cyprus statehood, by attempting to deprive the Republic of Cyprus and its internationally recognized government, contrary to the accepted norms and principles, jurisdiction over a large section of its population, i.e. the members of the Turkish Cypriot community, who constitute an integral part of the whole people of Cyprus.

3. Moreover, the aforesaid new illegality, seen in the context of current developments, and particularly being undertaken by the Turkish side in the wake of the Secretary-General's recent efforts towards exercising his mission in pursuance of Security Council resolution 550 (1984), amounts to the creation of a new fait accompli which might not only hinder the evolution of the Secretary-General's initiatives but would, as well, render meaningless the whole process of the good offices mission of the Secretary-General.

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4. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus remains confident that the international community, honouring its obligations under international law, and particularly bearing in mind the Security Council call "not to recognize the purported State of the 'Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus' set up by secessionist acts and ... not to facilitate or in any way assist the aforesaid secessionist entity", will reject the aforesaid illegality, thus acting in line with its condemnation of the purported unilateral declaration of independence and other subsequent secessionist acts of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership.

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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