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Forty-fourth yearLetter dated 16 October 1989 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith (see annex) a letter dated 16 October 1989 addressed to you by Mr. Özer Koray, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 47, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mustafa AKSIN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 16 October 1989 from Mr. Özer Koray
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Greek Cypriot contentions raised in the letter A/44/625-S/20893 dated 10 October 1989 of Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis are merely an exercise in deception. There is no occupation in Cyprus. Such an absurd claim cannot be sustained on any ground. The north of the island is the territory of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, a free and democratic State made up of the Turkish Cypriot people. Greek Cypriot attempt to distort this reality is the major cause of all difficulties in Cyprus.

We know that the Greek Cypriots are arming against us, the Turkish Cypriots. We have not forgotten that they tried to destroy us between 1963 and 1974 and resorted to the use and the threat of the use of force and violence against us at every opportunity. Their present rearmament campaign and military build-up in South Cyprus only shows that they are still on the same path. The Greek Cypriot effort to explain this away as a defensive activity cannot convince anyone.

We, as Turkish Cypriots, can find no comfort in Greek Cypriot "officially and repeatedly declared" innocence as we watch them piling up offensive weapons and high-technology weapon systems at great economic cost in the south of the island. The Greek Cypriot leader Mr. Vassiliou admitted to the press in Washington on 4 October 1989 that Greek Cypriot expenditure on armaments amounts to "hundreds of millions" of dollars. This activity, against the background of Greek Cypriot adventurism, the major examples of which we endured in 1963, 1967 and 1974, and now the persistent territorial claims irresponsibly advanced every day against the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, is a serious threat to peace in the island and to reconciliation between the two peoples in Cyprus.

Throughout the past months, I have brought Greek Cypriot military purchases and activities to the notice of the Secretary-General. I shall continue to do so, as it seems the Greek Cypriot side has no intention of giving up this dangerous pursuit. It should be stressed that not only the potentially destabilizing and destructive effect of the Greek Cypriot rearmament campaign, but its immediate impact, as a complicating factor on the search for a negotiated settlement as well as the political atmosphere in the island, should be a cause for concern for the international community which supports the mission of good offices of the Secretary-General.
