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Letter dated 20 October 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 20 October 1977 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 28.

(Signed) İlder TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 20 October 1977 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter dated 5 October 1977 addressed to you by Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 28.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative

APPENDIX

Letter dated 5 October 1977 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas
to the Secretary-General

It has come to my knowledge that Mr. Demetrios Bitsios, the Foreign Minister of Greece, in his recent statement before the General Assembly of the United Nations, warned inter alia that the "few remaining hopes" for a rapid solution of the Cyprus problem would disappear if Ankara and the Turks of Cyprus did not adopt more reasonable and moderate positions in the immediate future. a/

Mr. Bitsios's attempt to lay the blame for the failure of finding a satisfactory solution to the Cyprus problem on Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots has not surprised us, because during the years 1963-1974, when the Turkish Cypriots were being oppressed and their rights were being trampled upon, 20,000 Greek soldiers, clandestinely imported from Greece in violation of Security Council resolutions, were mercilessly attacking Turkish Cypriots, in order to eliminate the Turkish Cypriot resistance to Enosis (Union with Greece). Mr. Bitsios, speaking on behalf of Greece from the rostrum of the United Nations, blatantly and unhesitatingly supported Greek Cypriots who were committing these abominable crimes and condemned Turkey, which, acting in accordance with international treaties, tried to protect the bicomunal independence of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot community against the joint Greek and Greek Cypriot genocidal acts. How can one expect a different attitude from Mr. Bitsios now?

The factors which have in fact shattered the "few remaining hopes" for a speedy solution of the Cyprus problem are Greece's endeavours to hush up the joint Greek and Greek Cypriot conspiracy (during 1963-1974) to dissolve the bicomunal independence established in Cyprus by virtue of international agreements and to present the legitimate Turkish intervention, which had become unavoidable owing to this conspiracy, as aggression or invasion.

Greece is a country which had conspired with Greek Cypriots since 1878 for the annexation of the island. In a statement before the General Assembly on 1 November 1974, b/ Ambassador Denis Carayannis, the then Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, confessed that Greece made mistakes in Cyprus. Needless to say, it was these mistakes coupled with Greece's conspiracy to colonize Cyprus that brought about the present state of affairs in Cyprus.

Mr. Bitsios's remarks, "one might say that in the absence of a strong Turkish Army in Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot leadership would not be able to act as they please", did not surprise us either, because they never liked the Turkish guarantee, still less the presence of a Turkish Peace Force in Cyprus which prevented them from imposing a solution on the Turkish Cypriot community through oppression and mass murders. The mass graves at Ayios Vasilios, Aloa, Sandallari, Maratha, Tokhni,

a/ See A/32/PV.14, p. 52.

b/ A/PV.2275, p. 151.

Zyyi and Ktima constitute ample proof of what would be the fate of the Turkish Cypriot community had it not been for the timely intervention of Turkey.

The aim underlying this insincerity on the part of the Greek and Greek Cypriot leadership, as was manifested in Mr. Bitsios's statement, is to mislead the international community as to the true state of affairs in Cyprus; and by creating the impression that the presence of the Turkish Peace Force in Cyprus is impeding an early solution of the Cyprus problem, to secure its premature withdrawal from Cyprus and in this way clear the way for the resumption of the murderous attacks of the 1963-1974 period in order to complete their plans for the extermination of the Turkish community which had been foiled as a result of the legitimate and inevitable Turkish intervention.

Mr. Bitsios's statement further constitutes a glaring example of Greece's intention to continue its designs on Cyprus without regard to the realities and to the rights of the co-founder partner Turkish Cypriot community which has protected its freedom and liberty against heavy odds for 11 years.

I should be grateful if this communication were circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Rauf R. DENKTAS
President of the
Turkish Federated State
of Cyprus
