

**Republic of Turkey  
Prime Minister**

Ankara, 6 March 2008

*Dear Secretary-General,*

I am glad to observe that there is a renewed sense of optimism in the international community for significant progress and hope that the year 2008 offers a window of opportunity for achieving a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement in Cyprus, under the good-offices mission of Your Excellency.

It is our considered view that the new round of full-fledged negotiations should resume as soon as possible, from where we left off in the spring of 2004, on the basis of the UN Comprehensive Settlement Plan and thus the long-established UN parameters, mainly bi-zonality, political equality of the two sides and the equal status of the two constituent States which will bring about a new partnership State.

To this end, I would like to underline that we continue to support the constructive approach adopted by the Turkish Cypriot side, which is reflected in the words and actions of President Mehmet Ali Talat. For its part, Turkey, as a motherland and one of the three guarantor States, is committed to contribute to a comprehensive settlement through the resumption of a meaningful negotiating process, which will bring peace and stability to the two peoples of the Island and the region as a whole.

I am confident that Your Excellency will agree with me that time is of essence. In this context, I believe that the guarantor powers should all contribute and actively support the process.

**H.E. Ban Ki-Moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations Organization  
New York**

**Allow me to also express our profound appreciation of Your Excellency's consistent stance towards the lifting of the unjust isolations imposed on the Turkish Cypriot people, which you have clearly indicated in your latest report on Cyprus. We hope Your Excellency will take a leading role in urging the international community to take concrete steps in this regard.**

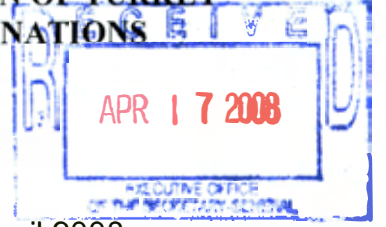
**Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Erdoğan', with a large, sweeping initial 'R'.

**Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**

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**PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



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New York, 17 April 2008

*Excellency, Dear Vijay,*

Please find enclosed the original of the letter from H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey to H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, the copy of which I conveyed to your office on 7 March 2008.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Best regards.*

*Baki İlkin*

Baki İlkin  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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H.E. Mr. Vijay Nambiar  
Chief of Cabinet  
Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
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New York