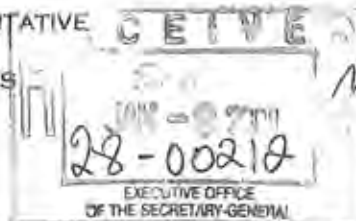


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AMBASSADOR,
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New York, 8 January 2008

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TURKEY

Dear Vijay,

In view of tomorrow's meeting of the Secretary General with the President of Turkey Mr Abdullah Gul I would like to convey to you copy of the letter I sent last Friday to Lynn Pascoe Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs. It is important for us at this stage that the Secretary General conveys a strong message to Turkey on the need to implement the 8th of July Agreement and engage in a process that will allow for progress and for laying the ground for meaningful negotiations as soon as possible. Only progress and convergence can render a process viable. Insisting in 2008 as crucial and as a

kind of a guillotine may be interpreted that we have other options than continuing to try to achieve a negotiated settlement. Of course time is important but artificial deadlines might empty the process of any substance and transform it into a vehicle for a blame game or other purposes.

Furthermore my Government would like to urge the S.G. once again to avoid giving its support to the political agenda hidden behind the so called ending of the isolation of the Turkish Cypriots. Cyprus and the EU are doing our utmost for the economic development and the welfare of the T/C community but cannot go along with efforts that instead of promoting reunification of the island, project two separate entities.

I would appreciate if you could bring the above to the attention of the S.G. and also our request to ask Mr Gul to refrain from provocative statements like those referred to in the attached letter.

Yours sincerely
Andreas



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*Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations*

4 January 2008

Excellency, *Dear Lynn,*

I would like to start my letter by wishing you and your loved ones a very happy and fruitful 2008.

I am instructed by my Government to bring to your attention statements made by the Turkish and Turkish Cypriot sides regarding the solution of the Cyprus problem during the visit of Mr. Mehmet Ali Talat, the leader of the Turkish Cypriot Community in Ankara yesterday, 3rd January 2008.

After Mr. Talat's meeting with the President of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Abdullah Gul, in the Presidential palace in Ankara, the latter reiterated his previous statements that a viable solution in Cyprus depends on *"the realities of the island, the existence of two separate people, two democracies and two states"* and continued by saying*"The strengthening of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus with all its institutions and organizations and the raising of the prosperity level of the Turkish Cypriots is our common and unchangeable target"*.

Furthermore, during Mr. Talat's yesterday's visit in Ankara in a statement to the press before his meeting with Mr Ali Babacan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chief negotiator with the EU of the Republic of Turkey, Mr Talat expressed the position that *"..We preserve our position towards finding a comprehensive solution to this problem, based on the two founding states, just and permanent..."*

Statements to this end, were also made after Mr Talat's meeting with the Speaker of the Grand Turkish National Assembly Mr. Koksal Toptan. The extract from his statement reads as follows *"...Everybody is in the situation of accepting that there are two separate democracies, two separate peoples, two separate republics, two separate states in Cyprus. Both Cyprus and Turkey are ready to discuss with those who accept this"* and he continued by stating *"Not the continuation of the current situation, not a new partnership, a new partnership state. This is the equal status of the two states which will participate in the partnership state"*.

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I would like to hereby convey our strongest condemnation of statements like the above made by none other than the President of the Republic of Turkey, and the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community themselves. It is, indeed, statements like the above that firstly destroy the necessary atmosphere for creating the right conditions, which would allow the re-launch of the process of negotiations. Secondly and most importantly, they cast indissoluble doubts on the motives of the Turkish side on the form of a comprehensive solution on the Cyprus problem that they aim, and equally important the solution for which they are preparing the Turkish Cypriots. It is indeed worrisome if one considers that these statements are made as a public relations exercise for the Turkish and the Turkish Cypriot public. It is also noteworthy, that the word "federal solution" and "reunification" are totally absent from their public statements.

What is also particularly troubling is that the above statements are made in the eve of the intended visit of the President of the Republic of Turkey to the UN and his meeting with the U.N. Secretary General. In his own words the President of the Republic of Turkey, expressed his intention to "*.... ask the U.N. to be more active, to start new efforts for a comprehensive solution to the Cyprus problem*". My Government is truly **worried** that what is really the intention of the Turkish side at this stage, as evidenced by the above statements, is the promotion of the idea that a solution of the Cyprus problem should be based on a separate Turkish Cypriot state in **the** occupied area of Cyprus, which is the consequence of the illegal Turkish military occupation of northern Cyprus and the purported declaration of an "independent state" which stand against all the **relevant** UN Resolutions and obviously not the promotion of a solution for reunification of the island.

In conclusion I would like to express my conviction that the United Nations will give to this matter the utmost attention.

Yours sincerely



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