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Excellency,

I am writing in response to the statement made by the Greek Cypriot representative at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Formal Meeting of the UN General Assembly Fifth Committee under Agenda Item 139: “Proposed programme budget 2025 – Special political missions (SPMs)” held on 9 October 2024, during which the Greek Cypriot side has, once again, opted to exploit the absence of the Turkish Cypriot side in the United Nations organs, this time during budgetary discussions, to further its political agenda. Therefore, I deem it necessary to set the record straight.

The Greek Cypriot representative, once again, highlighted in her speech the fact that “*deliberations on Special Political Missions in the context of the Fifth Committee, ought to focus solely on budgetary matters*”, but immediately moved on to political issues with a view to imposing a specific agreement framework on the Turkish Cypriot side as well as the United Nations Organization.

More than fifty years of negotiations carried out on a federal settlement framework have decisively failed because of the categorical rejection of the Greek Cypriot side to share power and prosperity with the Turkish Cypriot people. The unequivocal truth is that insisting on the same tried-and-failed basis to solve the Cyprus issue only serves to perpetuate the unacceptable and unsustainable status quo on the island, where the Greek Cypriot side is treated as if it is the “legitimate government of the whole island” and the Turkish Cypriot side is treated as if it is a mere “community”. As evidenced by its intransigent stance in past negotiation processes, including the Annan Plan (2004) and the Cyprus Conference held in Crans Montana, Switzerland (2017), the Greek Cypriot side merely pays lip service to the exhausted “bicomunal, bizonal federation” framework and should no longer be allowed to consume the resources as well as the time of the international community to further its own anachronistic political agenda.

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**Secretary-General of the United Nations**  
**New York**

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**President of the General Assembly**  
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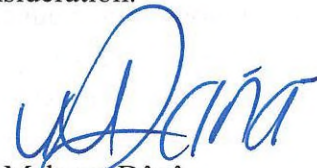
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Decades of failed negotiations clearly show that the reluctance of the international community to expressly acknowledge the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot people takes away from the Greek Cypriot side any incentive for compromise, thus making a negotiated agreement impossible. It is high time that this asymmetric basis is replaced once and for all, not only in words but by deeds as well, with equilibrium between the two sides so that result-oriented negotiations can be conducted between two sovereign equals.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to once again reiterate that our State is ready to engage in formal negotiations to establish a structured cooperative relationship with the Greek Cypriot side, following the acknowledgement of our inherent rights of sovereign equality and equal international status.

I would be grateful if the present letter is circulated, under agenda item 40 of its 79<sup>th</sup> Session, as an official document of the General Assembly, and of the Security Council.

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



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