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Excellency,

I am writing with regard to the statement made by the Greek Cypriot representative at the informal meeting of the UN General Assembly held on 26 June 2025 to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter. As the said occasion was once again used to distort the facts pertaining to Cyprus, I was compelled to respond in writing given that we are still deprived of our right to international representation.

Greek Cypriot representatives have long been exploiting the absence of the Turkish Cypriot People in the international community and trying to portray the Cyprus issue as one of “invasion” and “occupation” as if the Cyprus issue has commenced all of a sudden in 1974. First and foremost, it should be underlined that none of the UN Security Council resolutions on Cyprus describe the legitimate and justified Turkish intervention on the island, carried out in line with the 1959-1960 International Cyprus Treaties, as “invasion” or its subsequent presence on the island as “occupation”. As is well known, in 1974 Guarantor Türkiye was obliged to intervene in the face of the coup attempt organized by the military junta in Athens and its Greek Cypriot collaborators in Cyprus, which aimed at the annexation of the entire island to Greece (*Enosis*) at all costs, including the total annihilation of Turkish Cypriot People, following an eleven year period of Turkish Cypriot suffering and human rights violations.

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As it is also well documented by the UN, between 1963 and 1974, Turkish Cypriot People's fundamental freedoms, including their right to life were systematically violated by Greek Cypriots. In fact, it was the large-scale violence perpetrated against the Turkish Cypriot People and the ensuing gross human rights violations that had necessitated the UN Security Council to deploy UNFICYP to the island in 1964. I feel compelled to underline once again that contrary to the Greek Cypriot administration's false claims, the Cyprus issue commenced in 1963, not in 1974, when the Greek Cypriot side forcibly usurped the partnership Republic of Cyprus, ousted the Turkish Cypriot partner from all state organs of the bi-national partnership Republic by force of arms and launched an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Turkish Cypriot people. Against this historical background, the Greek Cypriot representative not only ignored but deliberately distorted these realities, all while shamelessly playing lip service to the UN Charter and its principles. The UN archives stand testimony to Greek Cypriot violations of international law in general and the UN Charter, in particular, in the history of Cyprus.


Today the Greek Cypriot administration, reaping the benefits of usurped title of the "Republic of Cyprus", continues to violate fundamental freedoms and human rights of the Turkish Cypriot People in contradiction to the Greek Cypriot representative's claims of commitment to the UN Charter and its principles. The Greek Cypriot administration has been exploiting the absence of the Turkish Cypriot People at international platforms in order to mislead the international community and to divert attention from its sole responsibility for the creation as well as the continuation of the Cyprus issue.

In conclusion, the remarks of the Greek Cypriot representative which are not and cannot be corroborated by either legal or historical facts pertaining to the island constitute yet another episode of the well-known Greek Cypriot propaganda campaign. Instead of continuing its unfounded accusations and hostile rhetoric, it is high time that, the Greek Cypriot side adopts a sincere approach for reaching a viable and just solution in Cyprus on the basis of the current realities of the island, which would, *inter alia*, respect the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot People. The decades-long processes of repeated efforts to resolve the Cyprus issue have provided indication that a new approach is inevitable. This can be achieved through two-state solution whereas both sides recognize the existing realities on the ground and the sovereign equality and equal international status of the Turkish Cypriot People.

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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 of the United Nations.

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



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