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Excellency,

I am writing in response to the statement made by the Greek Cypriot representative at the UN Security Council open debate on “Maintenance of international peace and security: Promoting international peace and security through multilateralism and peaceful settlement of disputes” held on 22 and 24 July 2025, which once again blatantly distorted facts pertaining to Cyprus. The Greek Cypriot side has long been exploiting the absence of the Turkish Cypriot side 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. Therefore, I am compelled to respond in writing in order to set the record straight.

At the outset, it is crucial to note that, contrary to the claims of the Greek Cypriot representative, none of the UN Security Council resolutions on Cyprus describe the legitimate and justified Turkish intervention of 1974 as “invasion” or the subsequent Turkish presence on the island as “occupation”. Such allegations are nothing but pure Greek Cypriot propaganda aimed at distorting the facts and realities of the island. As is well known, following an eleven-year period of suffering, human rights violations and a systematic campaign of oppression directed at the Turkish Cypriot People, Guarantor Türkiye was obliged to intervene, in accordance with her rights and obligations under the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee, 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. In this context, it is important to recall that the said coup was described by the then Greek Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios III as “an invasion” by Greece. Council on 19 July 1974 as “an invasion” by Greece.

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Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

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to the United Nations and President of the Security Council
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It is also important to clarify that the Cyprus issue commenced not in 1974, but in 1963 when the Greek Cypriot co-founder of the 1960 Republic of Cyprus tried to impose its political will on the Turkish Cypriot co-founder by force of arms and illegally converted the bi-national Republic into a purely Greek Cypriot entity by expelling its Turkish Cypriot partner from all state organs. In his statement, the Greek Cypriot representative refers to the bedrock principles of the UN Charter, which call for the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means and refraining from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state when, in fact, it was the Greek Cypriots themselves who violated this overriding principle in 1963.

Even though the international treaties that established the 1960 Republic of Cyprus forbade the union, in part or in whole, of the island with any other country, the Greek Cypriot militia, aided and encouraged by Greece, took part in an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Turkish Cypriot People, known as the *Akritas Plan*, during the years from 1963 to 1974, with the ultimate aim of achieving *Enosis*. It was actually this large-scale violence and ensuing gross human rights violations that necessitated the UN Security Council to deploy UNFICYP to the island in 1964 in order to stop the bloodshed and the atrocities perpetrated against the Turkish Cypriot People. Against this background and notwithstanding the plethora of UN documents attesting to these crimes against humanity, the fact that the Greek Cypriot representative both conveniently chose to ignore and deliberately distorted these realities while having the audacity to make reference to the UN Charter and its principles is a testament to the fact that his statement is yet another example of Greek Cypriot insincerity.

Regarding the efforts to find a freely-negotiated and mutually-acceptable agreement in Cyprus, the Greek Cypriot representative is, yet again, attempting to disinform the international community and conceal the fact that 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 Greek Cypriot insistence to pay lip service to this tried-and-failed model is solely aimed at keeping the Turkish Cypriot side trapped in an endless negotiating process while it continues to reap the benefits of the status quo. The Greek Cypriot side's insistence on the said framework can only prevent meaningful discussions on a new and realistic basis that could finally yield a positive outcome.

Within this context, it would be remembered that, as stated in both Your Excellency's previous report on your mission of good offices in Cyprus (S/2025/7) as well as the readout following the informal trilateral dinner with the two leaders on 15 October 2024, the previous six-month tenure of your Personal Envoy María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, which ended in July 2024, unequivocally corroborated the fact that there is no way forward on the Cyprus issue. As is well known, during the informal 5+UN meeting held in Geneva, the Greek Cypriot side envisages the acknowledgement of the sovereign equality and equal international status of the two sides. This materialized with the Dapartment perspective for an agreement that would justify entering into a new process of formal negotiations with a view to achieving a sustainable and lasting cooperative relationship on our island, is the

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acknowledgement of the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot People – namely, their sovereign equality and the equal international status of their State.

In the said statement, the Greek Cypriot representative insists on referencing the exhausted and now-defunct agreement model of “bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with political equality” despite this being a model that the Greek Cypriot side has categorically rejected on numerous occasions, including the Annan Plan in 2004 and the Cyprus Conference held in Crans-Montana in 2017. 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 any incentive for compromise from the Greek Cypriot side, thus rendering the prospect of a mutually-acceptable agreement impossible. The Greek Cypriot side 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. It is high time for the international community to come to terms with the facts on the ground that the only viable means of addressing the current impasse is the commencement of genuine dialogue with a view to fostering a cooperative and mutually respectful relationship between the two States on the island.

I would be grateful if the present letter is circulated, under agenda item 40 of its 79th 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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Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the following disseminated document:

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Sincerely yours,

Murat Soysal
Representative