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Dear Madam/Sir:

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- 1. Dissemination Date: March 12, 2026.** A two (2) page letter dated March 12, 2026 by Mr. Murat Soysal, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in New York to H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, for its circulation to all members of the General Assembly as an official UN document.

Sincerely yours,

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Excellency,

I am writing in response to the statement made by Mr. Michael Damianos, the Greek Cypriot “minister”, who has no right to represent or act on behalf of the whole island, at the “Emergency Special Session on Ukraine” held by the United Nations General Assembly on 24 February 2026. Taking advantage of the absence of the Turkish Cypriot side at this platform, his statement once again distorted the facts pertaining to Cyprus and also attempted to draw an unacceptable and misleading parallel between the Cyprus issue and the ongoing war in Ukraine. I am, therefore, compelled to respond in writing in order to set the record straight.

The Greek Cypriot side has long been disinforming the international community in order to divert attention from its own responsibility for the creation as well as the continuation of the Cyprus issue. Firstly, it is 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. During the years from 1963 to 1974 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*, with the ultimate aim of achieving *Enosis*, the annexation of the entire island to Greece, at all costs, including the total annihilation of the Turkish Cypriot people. It was this large-scale violence and ensuing gross human rights violations that necessitated the UN Security Council to deploy UNFICYP to the island in 1964 to stop the bloodshed and the atrocities perpetrated against the Turkish Cypriot people.

H.E. Mr. António Guterres
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As is well known, following the abovementioned eleven-year period of Turkish Cypriot suffering, in 1974 Guarantor Türkiye was obliged to intervene in the island, 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 Greece and its Greek Cypriot collaborators in Cyprus. It is crucial to note that none of the United Nations Security Council resolutions on Cyprus describes the legitimate and justified Turkish intervention of 1974 as “*invasion*” or the subsequent Turkish presence on the island as “*occupation*”. Such baseless allegations are nothing but pure Greek Cypriot propaganda aimed at distorting the realities of the island. In fact, the Greek Cypriot side is also well aware that the intervention of Guarantor Türkiye brought peace to the island 52 years ago by putting an end not only to the violence inflicted against the Turkish Cypriot people, but also to the violence committed by the Greek Cypriot militia against its own people.

I would like to conclude by underlining that the Greek Cypriot side’s attempts to distort the historical facts about Cyprus, disregard established realities, and draw false parallels can only serve to obstruct the commencement of genuine dialogue with a view to fostering a cooperative and mutually respectful relationship between the two States on the island. The Greek Cypriot side should no longer be allowed to mislead and consume the time of the international community to further its own anachronistic political agenda.

I would be grateful if the present letter is circulated, under agenda item 40 of its 80th session, as an official document of the General Assembly.

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



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