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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 UN Security Council meeting on “Maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine” held on 24 February 2026. Once again a Greek Cypriot official attempted deliberately to establish a parallel between the Cyprus issue and the ongoing war in Ukraine which is neither appropriate nor constructive. The Greek Cypriot side has 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 own 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.

In his speech, Mr. Damianos claimed that “*Cyprus ... has endured foreign aggression and ongoing occupation.*” Such baseless allegations are nothing but pure Greek Cypriot propaganda aimed at distorting the realities of the island and mischaracterizing the unique Cyprus issue. First and foremost, I feel compelled to remind the international community that in the absence of a Turkish Cypriot representative, the Greek Cypriot officials continue to act as if they are the sole voice and representative of both peoples on the island. As such, they exploit these opportunities to distort the realities pertaining to Cyprus. Greek Cypriot representatives have been systematically misinforming the international community by portraying the Cyprus problem simply as “foreign aggression.” It is crucial to note that none of the UN Security Council resolutions on Cyprus describes the legitimate and justified Turkish intervention of 1974 as “aggression” or the subsequent Turkish presence on the island as “occupation”. As is well known, the Cyprus issue

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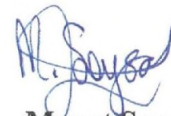
commenced not in 1974, but in 1963 when the Greek Cypriot co-founder of the 1960 Republic of Cyprus tried to impose its political will on the Turkish Cypriot co-founder by force of arms and illegally converted the Republic into a purely Greek Cypriot entity by expelling its Turkish Cypriot partner from all state organs. 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 organized by the military junta in Greece and its Greek Cypriot collaborators in Cyprus aiming for the annexation of the entire island to Greece (*Enosis*) as well as the total annihilation of Turkish Cypriot people in line with the notorious *Akritas Plan*. In this context, it is also important to recall that the then Greek Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios III, in his speech before the UN Security Council on 19 July 1974, a day before the legal intervention of Türkiye, described the coup by Greece as “*an invasion*”. With regard to the atrocities perpetrated against the Turkish Cypriot people, it should be remembered that in 2016 the former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Greek Cypriot administration Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis publicly apologized to the Turkish Cypriot people for “*the horrific crimes committed*” on 14 August 1974 by the Greek Cypriot militia in the villages of Muratağa, Atlılar and Sandallar.

In fact, the Greek Cypriot side is also well aware that the intervention of Guarantor Türkiye brought peace to the island in 1974 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.

Availing myself of the present opportunity, I would like to also remind the Greek Cypriot administration that its counterpart is, and has always been, the Turkish Cypriot side, not Türkiye.

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 and of the Security Council.

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



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Sincerely yours,

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