Letter dated 2 January 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 2 January 1984 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Coşkun KIRCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
ANNEX

Letter dated 2 January 1984 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the Secretary-General

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(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
APPENDIX

Letter dated 2 January 1984 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas to the Secretary-General

IN MY LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU ON 15 NOVEMBER 1983 (A/38/586-S/16148) CONCERNING OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, I HAD EXPRESSED THE TURKISH CYPRiot SIDE'S EARNEST DESIRE TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ALL THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRiot PEOPLES; THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD UNDER YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOOD OFFICES; AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF 'THE TAKING, IN THE SHORT TERM, OF CERTAIN PRACTICAL GOODWILL MEASURES THAT CAN NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES'; I HAD ALSO INDICATED, IN THE SAME CONTEXT, THAT WE WOULD BE 'GIVING CONCRETE INDICATIONS OF OUR CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH IN THIS REGARD'.

AS AN INDICATION OF OUR SINCERITY AND GOODWILL IN THIS RESPECT: I HAVE MADE, THIS MORNING, A PUBLIC STATEMENT CONTAINING CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO THE GREEK CYPRiot SIDE ON FOUR IMPORTANT SUBJECTS, NAMELY VAROSHA, NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; THE QUESTION OF MISSING PERSONS AND THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS A FINAL SETTLEMENT; THE TEXT OF WHICH I AM ENCLOSING FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S INFORMATION AND EVALUATION.

I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL URGE THE GREEK CYPRiot SIDE TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THESE CONCRETE PROPOSALS, WITHIN A RECIPROCAL SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AND ACCOMMODATION.

I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF THIS COMMUNICATION AND THE ATTACHED TEXT OF MY STATEMENT WERE CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UNDER AGENDA ITEM 41, AND OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

RAUF R. DENKTAS
PRESIDENT
STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS, H.E. MR. RAUF R. DENKTAS, CONCERNING THE GOODWILL MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE TURKISH CYPRiot SIDE

I. THE GENERAL OUTLOOK AND APPROACH OF THE TURKISH CYPRiot SIDE:

On 15 November 1983, we the Turkish people of Cyprus, while exercising our right to self-determination for constructive purposes, extended our hand to the Greek Cypriot people in peace and friendship in order to bring to an end, once and for all, the 20-year old political uncertainty in the island and to reach a final solution to all the problems between the Turkish Cypriot people and the Greek Cypriot people. We left the door open for the establishment of a new partnership, within the framework of a federation between the two peoples living on the island, and we have expressed our genuine wish and determination to reach a just and lasting solution within the spirit of a conciliatory approach. We are two peoples destined to live side by side on this island, no matter how wide apart our present points of view might be; this fact cannot be changed either by us or by the Greek Cypriots. The continued state of tension between us, at a time when we should rather be trying to resolve our differences, and continuing to behave in a manner inciting enmity between the two peoples are very harmful and constitute an obstacle to progress towards a final federal solution. For this reason we maintain that we must build up our relations on a constructive basis. Let us work with determination towards a final compromise and reconciliation. Let us direct our efforts towards positive ends and steadily proceed in that course. Let us abandon negative attitudes geared towards destroying each other. Let us not forget that others cannot take decisions on behalf of the two peoples of Cyprus, and that only through our own efforts, treading the same path together and helping each other, shall we be able to proceed towards a federal solution. Therefore, I invite the Greek Cypriot side to tread with us the same constructive and peaceful path by passing through the door we are still holding open for them.

To-day, I should like to extend to the Greek Cypriots the following proposals of goodwill, so that the first steps could be taken towards a comprehensive solution of our problems. I am also informing the Secretary-General of the U.N. of these proposals and kindly requesting him to help both sides within the framework of his mission of good offices, which we fully support, so that these proposals could be implemented.
11. TURKISH CYPRiot PROPOSALS ON VAROSHA:

1. The Turkish Cypriot side reiterates its readiness to engage in negotiations on its proposals of 17 November 1983 concerning Varosha and the Nicosia International Airport with the Greek Cypriot side. Holding of negotiations on these issues will be without prejudice to the respective positions of the two sides with regard to each other's political status.

2. Varosha and the Nicosia International Airport are two separate issues neither of which constitute a precondition for the other.

3. As a concrete proof of its desire and intention to speedily tackle and resolve the Varosha issue, the Turkish Cypriot side accepts in principle to place the sector to the east of Dherinia Road and extending in the south up to the Greek Cypriot forward defence line of the Varosha area as defined in the Turkish Cypriot map of 5 August 1981, under an interim United Nations supervision and administration. The modalities and conditions of this transfer shall be determined between the Turkish Cypriot side and the United Nations.

4. The interim United Nations supervision and administration to be established in the sector of Varosha as defined above shall not prejudice the final political status of the area and it shall continue until a final comprehensive political solution of the Cyprus problem.

5. The question of Greek Cypriot resettlement in the Varosha area as defined in the Turkish Cypriot map of 5 August 1981, shall be considered, as stipulated in Point 5 of the 1979 Denktas-Kyprianou summit agreement, simultaneously with the beginning of negotiations for a comprehensive settlement; and after agreement has been reached on the resettlement of Varosha under an interim United Nations supervision and administration, such agreement will be implemented without awaiting the outcome of the discussions on other aspects of the Cyprus question.

6. The opening of the area as defined in the Turkish Cypriot map of 5 August 1981 to Greek Cypriot resettlement under an interim United Nations supervision and administration shall not prejudice its final political status.

7. The Turkish Cypriot side is ready to discuss and finalize the details of this proposal with the Greek Cypriot side and with the United Nations.
III. THE OPENING OF THE NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

1. ON 17 NOVEMBER 1983 WE HAD PROPOSED THE RE-OPENING OF THE NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC UNDER AN INTERIM U.N. ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THE TWO SIDES IN CYPRUS.

2. IN THIS WAY, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE ACCEPTS HANDING OVER OF THE AIRPORT BY THE PARTIES, TO THE INTERIM U.N. ADMINISTRATION, WITHOUT INSISTING THAT THE AIRPORT BE ADMINISTERED BY THE PARTIES THEMSELVES, ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY.


4. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE IS READY TO DISCUSS AND FINALIZE THIS ISSUE WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE, OR FAILING THIS, WITH THE U.N.

5. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE AIRPORT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PRE-CONDITION FOR OTHER STEPS AIMED AT THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOODWILL IN CYPRUS.

IV. THE RE-ACTIVATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS:

IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUE OF MISSING TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS, WE PROPOSE THAT THE COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS, SET UP IN 1981, BE RE-ACTIVATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "TERMS OF REFERENCE" AGREED TO BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE WE REQUEST THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. PILLOUD, -THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE - TO COME TO CYPRUS AT AN EARLY DATE, AS A MATTER OF FACT, LAST NOVEMBER, WE HAD ALREADY INFORMED MR. PILLOUD THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD BE RE-ACTIVATED IMMEDIATELY, THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE WAS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS, AND THAT, THE PROCEDURAL OBSTACLES IMPEDING THE RE-ACTIVATION OF THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN REMOVED BY THE CONCILIATORY PROPOSAL HE HAD MADE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO MEET IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO INVESTIGATE AND FINALIZE THIS ISSUE OF MUTUAL CONCERN, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, WE NOW INVITE THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO DECLARE ITS READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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V. THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS A FINAL SETTLEMENT:

IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT WOULD HELP TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LASTING PEACE IN THE ISLAND, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THE TWO PEOPLES TO DEVELOP POINTS OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS, TO ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTIVE MODES OF ATTITUDE AND, TO THIS END, TO CREATE CERTAIN AREAS OF CO-OPERATION. I WISH TO ANNOUNCE, IN DETAIL, TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, OUR PROPOSALS AND THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT, WITH THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE STUDIED WITH GOODWILL BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE AND RECIPROCATED IN A POSITIVE MANNER.

I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS APPROACH, WHICH I WILL SET OUT HERE AND WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF CYPRUS, HAS BEEN USEFULLY APPLIED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS A MODEL FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES FAR MORE COMPLICATED THAN THE ONES IN CYPRUS, AND TO REITERATE OUR CONVICTION THAT THIS APPROACH COULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE SOLUTION OF OUR OWN PROBLEM.

WE HAVE ALREADY DECLARED OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, WHO ARE DESTINED TO CO-EXIST SIDE BY SIDE IN THE ISLAND, CAN AND MUST FIND PEACEFUL, JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS TO ALL THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM, THROUGH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITHIN A FEDERAL FRAMEWORK CONTINUES TO BE OUR AIM AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE EVERY CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT TO THIS END.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE URGED THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO ADOPT AN APPROACH WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE IMMEDIATE TAKING OF MEASURES OF GOODWILL ON MATTERS THAT CAN BE RESOLVED IN THE SHORT TERM, WITH THE OBJECT OF NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES IN CYPRUS.

IN KEEPING WITH THESE OBJECTIVES, I WISH TO PROPOSE THAT THE TWO SIDES REACH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES; IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOODWILL, ESTABLISH MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND THUS FACILITATE PROGRESS TOWARDS A FINAL COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION OF OUR PROBLEMS AND WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS WITH REGARD TO EACH OTHER'S POLITICAL STATUS:


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IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, THE TURKISH CYPRiot SIDE AND THE GREEK CYPRiot SIDE REAFFIRM THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOLLOWING COMMON GROUND ON WHICH THEIR ACTIONS SHALL BE BASED:

(I) THE BASIC ISSUES AND CAUSES OF CONFLICT WHICH HAVE BEDEVILED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES IN THE ISLAND FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS SHALL BE RESOLVED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS BY THE TWO SIDES, IN ORDER TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES BY PEACEFUL MEANS THE TWO SIDES UNDERTAKE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO SUPPORT HIS MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES.

(II) THE COMMITMENT BY BOTH SIDES TO PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S POLITICAL EQUALITY, LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS, AND THE PURSUIT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FEDERAL SOLUTION ARE THE PRE-REQUISITES FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THEM AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DURABLE PEACE IN THE ISLAND.


(IV) THEY SHALL ALWAYS RESPECT EACH OTHER'S NATIONAL IDENTITY AS REFLECTED BY THE DIFFERENT LANGUAGE, RELIGION, CULTURE AND ORIGIN OF THE TWO PEOPLES OF THE ISLAND, AND SHALL STRIVE TO ESTABLISH A BI-ZONAL FEDERATION BASED ON THE PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION OF THESE TWO PEOPLES.

2. BOTH SIDES WILL TAKE ALL STEPS WITHIN THEIR POWER TO PREVENT HOSTILE PROPAGANDA DIRECTED AGAINST EACH OTHER AND SHALL ENCOURAGE THE DISSEMINATION OF SUCH INFORMATION AS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE.

3. IN ORDER PROGRESSIVELY TO RESTORE AND HARMONIZE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM STEP BY STEP:

(I) THE TWO SIDES SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON THE RESETTLEMENT OF VAROSHA UNDER AN INTERIM UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION AND ADMINISTRATION AS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE TEN-POINT AGREEMENT OF 19 MAY 1979, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TURKISH CYPRiot PROPOSAL ALREADY MADE ON THIS ISSUE.

(II) THE TWO SIDES SHALL CO-OPERATE FOR THE REOPENING OF THE NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR CIVILIAN TRAFFIC UNDER AN INTERIM UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATION TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THE TWO SIDES IN CYPRUS.

(IV) THE TWO SIDES SHALL REFRAIN FROM HAMPERING EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE, TOURISM, TRANSPORTATIONS, COMMUNICATION, ETC., IN ORDER TO PROMOTE GOODWILL AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND FOR THEIR OVERALL BENEFIT AND PROSPERITY.

(V) THE TWO SIDES SHALL BENEFIT EQUITABLY FROM ALL ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR CYPRUS. THEY WILL ESTABLISH A JOINT BODY AT TECHNICAL LEVEL IN ORDER TO SHARE EQUITABLY SUCH INTERNATIONAL AID. THEY SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EXTENSION OF CREDIT OR OTHER FINANCIAL FACILITIES TO EITHER OF THE TWO SIDES BY INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS.

(VI) AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COMMISSION SHALL BE SET UP TO STUDY THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- TRADE,
- TOURISM AND TRAVEL,
- MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS,
- WATER SUPPLY; WATER PRESERVATION AND SOIL CONSERVATION,
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

(VII) A JOINT HEALTH COMMISSION SHALL BE SET UP TO COORDINATE EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES FOR DEALING WITH EPIDEMICS.

(VIII) THE TWO SIDES SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING JOINT ENDEAVOURS IN THE CULTURAL FIELD TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS; IN PARTICULAR:

- TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF TURKISH AND GREEK AS SECOND LANGUAGE RESPECTIVELY;
- TO COOPERATE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP A JOINT UNIVERSITY THAT WILL SERVE STUDENTS FROM BOTH SIDES; TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGES AND IDENTITIES OF THE TWO PEOPLES IN THE ISLAND;
- TO ORGANIZE JOINT CULTURAL AND SPORTIVE ACTIVITIES (SPORTS COMPETITIONS; EXHIBITIONS; CONCERTS; SEMINARS);
- TO ORGANIZE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL JOINT MEETINGS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS COMMON TO THE ISLAND (THALESEMIA, ETC.);
- TO ORGANIZE A SEMINAR ON FEDERALISM IN GENERAL, AND ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL PRINCIPLES IN THE CONTEXT OF CYPRUS, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SELECTED LAWYERS AND POLITICAL SCIENTISTS.
4. BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THEY SHALL REFRAIN FROM ALL KINDS OF PROVOCATIONS AND, FURTHER UNDERTAKE TO REFRAIN FROM THE THREAT OR THE USE OF FORCE.

5. BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE LEADERS WILL MEET UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL TO DISCUSS THE PROCESS OF STEADILY MOVING TOWARDS A FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT AND TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MODALITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DURABLE PEACE THROUGH A FINAL FEDERAL SETTLEMENT.