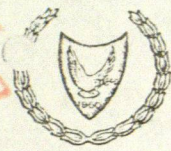


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**PRIME MINISTER'S
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Avaling myself of the bonds of friendship between our two countries and of Her Majesty's Government principled position and concern for International Order, I would like to call your attention to a new Fait Accompli created in the territory of the Republic of Cyprus occupied by the armed forces of Turkey, providing further evidence clearly manifesting Turkey's partitionist and annexationist designs against Cyprus and its people.

The Turkish Cypriot leadership, acting as the mouth-piece and instrument of Ankara, has passed a so-called "law" on 27th of July, 1982, expropriating and confiscating the property of the Greek Cypriot refugees - one third of the island's total population, who have been uprooted by the Turkish Forces of invasion and occupation - and enabling the usurpers of these homes and lands to claim ownership and sell, transfer, lease and mortgage, these properties in clear violation of International Law and of specific U.N. General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on Cyprus. According to this "law", so-called "Final Possession Certificates" will be issued to the usurpers of the Greek Cypriot property and a special provision is made for the Turkish colonisers including members of Turkish armed forces, who settled in the occupied territory, after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974, enabling them to benefit and take the "lion's share" from this arbitrary decision. This action, coupled with the continuing implantation in the occupied area of thousands of colonists-settlers from Turkey, comes as a further affirmation of Ankara's policy never to allow the expelled indigenous inhabitants to return to their ancestral homes and property, as consistently called for by the relevant United Nations Resolutions, the decisions and declarations of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Commonwealth and other International Organizations and the Agreements of 12th

February 1977 and 19th May 1979. Furthermore, the "decision" to grant title deeds to settlers from Turkey shows clearly that the Turkish Cypriots must have begun to feel the merciless consequences of the Turkish invasion.

My Government considers the above Turkish decisions and actions as null and void and it reserves its right to defend, preserve and protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of all Cypriots and take whatever measures it may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

It should be clear that this new arbitrary Turkish action, following last month's decision by Turkey to proceed with the establishment in the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus of a "Central Bank" and a "Development Bank" and with the introduction of the Turkish Lira as "legal tender" in all transactions in the occupied area with the simultaneous abolition of the Cyprus pound, leaves no doubt as to the ultimate objective of partition and annexation of the occupied part of Cyprus to Turkey. The fact that these new *Faits Accomplis* take place after the recent visit to the occupied areas of the Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr. Bulent Ulusu, disillusioned those who expected an immediate change in the Turkish position and proves once more that decisions are taken in Ankara and implemented accordingly by the Turkish Cypriot leadership.

The purpose of the above Turkish action is quite evident and it must be evaluated in view of their efforts to pave the way for the consolidation and the legalization of the *De Facto* situation, created by the Turkish invasion and occupation. I should not fail from mentioning that even Turkish Cypriot leaders and other prominent members of the Turkish Cypriot community criticized these actions as emanating from the partitionist policy followed by Denktash's regime on the Cyprus problem. It has been customary for the Turkish Cypriot press to include in their columns statements and articles revealing this policy "to separate the two communities from one another and to intergrate the occupied region with Turkey".

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus respects, preserves and protects all the human rights and fundamental

freedoms. It protects the homes and lands of the Turkish Cypriots situated in the free areas of the Republic and which have been abandoned by their legitimate owners, after being forced by their leadership, through promises or threats, to move into the occupied part of Cyprus. My Government fully recognizes that these properties belong to the Turkish Cypriots and that in case of their return to the Government controlled area, they will be given to them.

The above mentioned illegal actions diminish the prospects for an early peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem.

It is my earnest hope that Her Majesty's Government will not lose sight of the extreme gravity of the situation in Cyprus and its implications, both in the general terms of the maintenance of peace and security in the region and more specifically, in terms of the observance of human rights so flagrantly violated by the Turkish occupation forces. 36.3% of my country's territory is still under the occupation of Turkey, one third of the population are still refugees in their own country, and we are still trying to trace almost 2,000 missing persons.

In strongly protesting the aforementioned arbitrary and inhuman Turkish actions, which unmistakably betray Ankara's ruthless determination to impose by force a partitionist solution of the Cyprus problem, I wish to express the hope that Her Majesty's Government will do everything possible to take all necessary steps towards arresting this abhorrest process of manifest illegalities and *Faits Accomplis* and to impress upon Turkey that these actions, apart from being totally illegal, are proof of a policy intolerable and condemnable by the International Community. Furthermore, individual and concerted action is necessary to force Turkey to abandon her expansionist and partitionist policy and to act in strict conformity with the resolutions of the United Nations.

Please, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the Republic