



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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Dear Colleagues,

Following the circulation by the Turkish delegation to the OSCE PA of a document commenting on my previous letter addressed to you, on 21 July 2021 I have to respond and inform you about the non-questionable UN Security Council Presidential Statement dated 23/7/2021 which condemns Turkey's new provocations in Varosha, in breach of pertinent UN Security Council Resolutions. The Presidential Statement was also endorsed in the Declaration regarding Varosha by the High Representative on behalf of the EU of 27 July 2021.

I attach herewith the UN Security Council Presidential Statement of 23 July 2021 and that will be my response to the unfounded and misleading allegations by Mr. Sennaroğlu.

The content of both statements is very explicit and indicative of Turkey's mounting claims against the Republic of Cyprus, since the Turkish invasion of 1974, in violation of international law and pertinent UN Resolutions. Obviously, Turkey has been pursuing its expansionist aims through its subordinate illegal occupation regime in the northern part of Cyprus, which Mr Sennaroğlu "proudly" "represents" by overtly claiming a "two-state" solution for Cyprus. Turkey's illegal aims and acts at the expense of Cyprus and its people are precisely the reason why a just and viable settlement of the Cyprus problem in compliance with international law could not be achieved to date and also the only reason for our Turkish Cypriot compatriots feeling "isolated" or "trapped". The so-called "realities on the ground" invoked in the letter, that are *faits accomplis* created as a result of foreign military aggression and continuing occupation, do not invalidate international law!

Dear Colleagues, the fact that the Turkish delegation conveyed to you a letter by a self-styled "official" of an illegal secessionist entity recognized only by Turkey, only confirms all the above. I just wish to bring to your attention UN Security Council Resolution 541 (1983), which explicitly deplores the secession, considers the declaration of independence of the so-called "TRNC" as legally invalid and calls upon all States not to recognize any Cypriot State other than the Republic of Cyprus.

Remaining at your disposal and looking forward to our future exchanges,

Yours sincerely,

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Head of the Cyprus delegation to the OSCE PA.