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PRIME MINISTER'S
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TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Lefkoşa, Mersin - 10 TURKEY

9 January, 1984

Dear Madam,

As you are aware on the 15 November 1983 the Turkish People of Cyprus, exercising their inalienable right of self-determination, have declared the establishment of the independent Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. This Declaration of Independence was unanimously adopted by the Members of the Turkish Cypriot Parliament, acting for and on behalf of the Turkish People of Cyprus as their freely and democratically elected Representatives. Through this Declaration of Independence the Turkish People of Cyprus have re-emphasized their determination to live in peace and security in their own independent and non-aligned State.

The enclosed copy of the Declaration of Independence and the Resolution of the Members of the Turkish Cypriot Parliament, unanimously adopting that Declaration, and the documentary and factual evidence disclosed in the enclosed "Appeal by the Turkish Cypriot Human Rights Committee" fully explain why the Turkish Cypriot People had been left with no alternative but to take this vital step based on our equal co-founder status in the independence and sovereignty of Cyprus. Our aspirations stem from the eternal truths that have guided your country and millions of people around the globe who believe that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

I would like to assure you that the expression of the legitimate and irrepressible will of the Turkish Cypriot People concerning the exercise of the right to self-determination will not in the slightest way hinder the establishment of a genuine federation by two partners having equal political status; on the contrary a prerequisite for such a solution is now fulfilled.

I feel confident that your knowledge, understanding and sense of fair play will contribute to the adoption of an equitable, objective and constructive attitude by the European Parliament.

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

(Rauf R. DENKTAŞ)
President