



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 21 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 21 August 2020, addressed to you by Mehmet Dâna, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Feridun H. **Sinirliođlu**  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 21 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to convey herewith a copy of the letter dated 21 August 2020 addressed to you by Kudret Özersay, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see enclosure).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its enclosure could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Mehmet **Dânâ**  
Representative Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

## Enclosure

I would like to refer to the “Defence Cooperation Agreement” signed between the Greek Cypriot administration of Southern Cyprus and France which entered into force on 1 August 2020 and bring to your kind attention the views and considerations of the Turkish Cypriot side regarding the matter of concern.

I wish to underline, at the outset, that in order to achieve the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, the family of nations must stand firm in defence of these principles, such as the maintenance of international peace and security. However, the agreement in question is a clear example of overlooking the true spirit and the primary principles of the Charter. France, with its actions, encourages the aggressor on the island, namely the Greek Cypriot administration of Southern Cyprus, to continue with its provocative and hostile stance, as well as enhance its military capacity.

It is unacceptable that, especially during this period, France has been taking steps to further escalate the tension on the island by concluding an “agreement on defence”, which will allow the conduct of joint military exercises with the Greek Cypriot administration and the deployment of military aircraft, including fighter jets, to the island. France, as a permanent member of the Security Council, unfortunately has become part of the provocative actions of the Greek Cypriot side which threaten the peace and stability of the region and of the island.

The international actors, including France, should realize that such biased support extended to the Greek Cypriot side not only exacerbates its hostile stance towards the Turkish Cypriots but also damages the efforts of the Secretary-General for a peaceful resolution of the Cyprus issue under his good offices mission, mandated by the Security Council.

The duty and responsibility of the United Nations organs, primarily the Security Council, is the maintenance of peace, stability and security in the world. Therefore, these provocative and hostile actions of the Greek Cypriot side should be condemned and the member countries condoning and supporting these acts should openly be warned.

I strongly believe that France, a permanent member of the Security Council, should act more responsibly. Needless to say that the commitment of the members of the Security Council to peace and stability, both on the island and in the Eastern Mediterranean region, can be measured only by their impartial stance, not by siding with the aggressor party on the island.

The Turkish Cypriot side believes that the key to de-escalation of tension on the island and in the region can only be achieved through diplomacy and dialogue. Most recently, the United Nations Secretary-General, in his report on the United Nations operation in Cyprus dated 10 July 2020 (S/2020/682), rightly urged the promotion of closer cooperation between the Turkish Cypriot side, the Greek Cypriot side and international actors. To this end, the Turkish Cypriot side is determined to continue its efforts to create an atmosphere conducive to turning the island and the region into an area of cooperation and stability through diplomacy and dialogue.

I sincerely hope that the United Nations, at once and this time in definitive terms, calls upon the Greek Cypriot side to stop its hegemonic and hostile acts on the island and in the region and to respond positively to the numerous proposals of the Turkish Cypriot side towards cooperation, which have already been conveyed to them via the United Nations. We also expect the United Nations to urge France to abandon its unacceptable stance, for the sake of promoting dialogue, diplomacy and cooperation on the island and in the region.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I believe that the aforementioned facts and considerations will be duly taken into account by the esteemed members of the Security Council.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Kudret **Özersay**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs

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