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Letter dated 1 November 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in relation to the letter dated 9 October 2019 from my colleague, the Permanent Representative of Turkey, Ambassador Sinirlioğlu, addressed to you, which was distributed on 25 October 2019 as a document of the General Assembly ([A/74/510](#)).

Although initially referring to the Greek Prime Minister's remarks regarding Cyprus in his address to the General Assembly, the aforesaid letter merely constitutes, in fact, a repetition of Turkey's version of the 1974 Turkish invasion and military occupation of well over a third of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as of the continuing Turkish violations in Cyprus and its maritime zones.

An adequate response to the letter has already been provided in the letter dated 29 October 2019 to the Secretary-General from Ambassador Mavroyiannis, the Permanent Representative of Cyprus, the Member State that suffered and continues to live with the consequences of Turkey's aggression. Greece fully shares the views expressed in that letter.

The Cyprus question is an international issue calling for an urgent, mutually acceptable settlement on the basis of international law, the relevant Security Council resolutions, which determined the political framework of the settlement, and the European Union acquis.

In the light of the forthcoming Berlin meeting of the Secretary-General with President Anastasiades and Turkish-Cypriot leader Mr. Akıncı, we can only hope that all interested parties will contribute to the soonest possible resumption of fully fledged, results-oriented negotiations for a settlement of the Cyprus issue.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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