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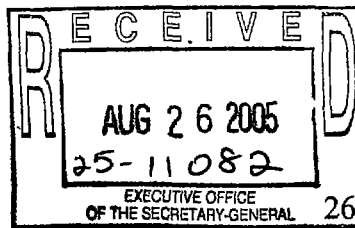
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Note for the File

Today, the Permanent Representative of Turkey H.E. Mr. Baki Ilkin came to see Mr. Chen on the placing of the nameplate "Turkish Cypriot State" during OIC meetings held on UN premises.

In view of the Secretariat position "not to display the nameplate in any future meetings" (letter from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus and reply letter from Mr. Chen refer), the Permanent Representative said that the Turkish side was extremely upset about this and that both Turkey and the OIC should have been consulted before the Secretariat responded. He said that the nameplate was based on two OIC decisions, and that the Secretariat did not have the right to determine what the OIC should or should not do.

On the substantive side, the Permanent Representative said the name "Turkish Cypriot State" was used in the Secretary-General's plan on Cyprus, and not permitting the use of the nameplate might create the impression that the plan was scuttled or imply a change of position on the part of the UN.

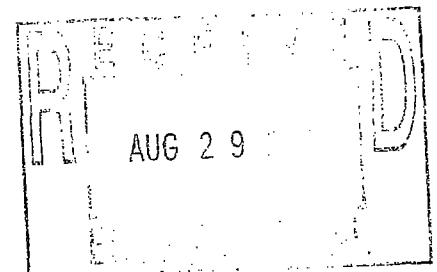
He pointed out that since there were other "controversial" entities in the OIC, it was unfair to single out the "Turkish Cypriot State". He wanted the Secretariat to reverse the stated position. In case it could not, the OIC would prepare a nameplate on "Turkish Cypriot State" and place it on its own during its meetings.

Mr. Chen reiterated the position of the Secretariat and noted that in case what the Permanent Representative indicated should happen, legal opinion would be sought further, as after all, this will be taking place on UN premises.

cc: Mr. Mark Malloch Brown ✓
Chef de Cabinet, EOSG

Mr. Ibrahim Gambari
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The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management

15 August 2005

Excellency,

I wish to refer to your letter dated 13 July 2005 concerning the use of the nameplate "Turkish Cypriot State" in meetings of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) held on United Nations premises.

Having enquired into the matter, we have concluded that, while it is not for the Secretariat to contest the membership of the OIC (an organization with observer status in the General Assembly) or the denomination of its members, it nevertheless falls to the Secretariat, when organizing and servicing meetings to ensure that they are in full compliance with applicable decisions of the relevant deliberative organs concerning the status of its Member States. I have, therefore, instructed the Meetings Servicing Unit of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management not to display the nameplate "Turkish Cypriot State", in any future meetings. The Office of the Permanent Observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference has been informed accordingly.

I would like to express regret for any inconvenience this situation might have caused.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chen Jian'.
Chen Jian

H.E. Mr. Andreas D. Mavroyiannis
Permanent Representative to the United Nations
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus
to the United Nations



*Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations*

13 July 2005

Excellencies,

I am writing to request that you take immediate action with regard to an issue which has been cause for great concern for us for some time. It has come to the attention of my Mission that for some time now, the Turkish Cypriot Community of Cyprus has been participating in meetings held at the United Nations among member states of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), using the name of "Turkish Cypriot State". We have been unpleasantly surprised to discover that there is, in fact, a name plate with the above inscription in United Nations Conference Rooms where the said meetings take place.

I wish to record my very strong protest against allowing an illegal entity to participate in any meetings, within or outside the OIC context at the United Nations, in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations. I am sure that you are well aware of the numerous Security Council Resolutions which have repeatedly condemned "the purported secession of part of the Republic of Cyprus" and "considered this declaration legally invalid, calling on all states not to recognise or in any way assist the secessionist entity and calling them to respect the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus".

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For the record, I wish to inform you that the Turkish Cypriot Muslim Community of Cyprus became an OIC observer under the aforementioned terminology in 1975. However, under the pretext of the use of the term "Turkish Cypriot constituent state" in the Plan of the UNSG proposing a solution for the Cyprus problem, the term "Turkish Cypriot State" was devised during last year's OIC Meeting of Foreign Ministers in Istanbul and has been used in OIC meetings since.

As you may be aware, the term "Turkish Cypriot constituent state" was employed for the purposes of the Annan Plan and was specifically used within the wider context of the settlement it proposed to the Cypriot people. It was not a stand-alone term to be used selectively for enhancing the political status of the so called "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" and it was a term which became null and void, according to the Plan's own provisions, along with the Plan itself in its entirety, upon its rejection as a result of a referendum.

Though cognisant of the functions of the Secretariat and the fact that on many occasions, the names of the states participating in different meetings are given to it by those organising the meeting, it is however unacceptable for the Secretariat to even be in possession of a name plate bearing the name of an entity which has been declared illegal by the resolutions of this very Organisation, let alone display it in complete violation of the latter's decisions. All events, meetings and activities involving or related to the United Nations and all activities taking place at United Nations Headquarters presuppose acceptance and compliance with the legal framework defined by the Charter and the Resolutions of the United Nations.

My Government has no reason to believe that either the Secretariat or any member of the OIC would intentionally accept to act in violation of international legality and the relevant Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. I would therefore ask you to take immediate steps to rectify this anomalous situation and refrain from displaying any name plate referring to Cyprus at United Nations premises anywhere, which does not represent the Republic of Cyprus.

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



Andreas D. Mavroyiannis