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**Fifty-sixth year****Letter dated 19 December 2001 from the Permanent  
Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General**

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to a letter from the Permanent Representative of Turkey (A/56/451-S/2001/953) dated 9 October 2001, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a further opinion, dated 17 November 2001, prepared by three prominent international jurists and professors of international law, James Crawford, Whewell Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge, Gerhard Hafner, Professor of International Law, University of Vienna, and Alain Pellet, Professor of International Law, University of Paris-X, on the eligibility of the Republic of Cyprus to become a member of the European Union (see annex).

Their first opinion, dated 24 September 1997, was circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/52/481-S/1997/805), dated 17 October 1997.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sotirios **Zackheos**  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

