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### **Letter dated 23 February 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

In accordance with instructions from the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I have the honour to refer to the notes verbales dated 23 December 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/13/G/5 and A/HRC/13/G/6) requesting the circulation of two notes in connection with the intergovernmental process of the review of the Republic of Cyprus by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review at its sixth meeting, on 30 November 2009.

The position of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on this issue was clearly stated in my letter of 21 December 2009 and circulated as a document of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/13/G/2). The Government of the Republic of Cyprus firmly rejects all the points in the above-mentioned notes of Turkey, since they are in flagrant breach of more than 100 Security Council resolutions on the situation in Cyprus.

It is regrettable that Turkey insists on continuing to undermine through politicization the credibility of the universal periodic review mechanism.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the thirteenth session of the Council under agenda item 6.

(signed)      Andreas **Hadjichrysanthou**

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