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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Dear General Manager,

In reference to your publication The Explorer World Atlas (1991 Edition) and the map of Cyprus published there (p.40) please allow me to raise two points.

1. Cyprus is given on the map (p.40) and in the index (p.150) as being two countries. Cyprus and N. Cyprus. The explanation given is that "N. Cyprus unilaterally declared its independence in 1983".

May I point out in this connection that the Security Council Resolution 541 (1983) considered the declaration referred to as legally invalid and called for its withdrawal. Furthermore Security Council Resolution 550 (1984) called upon "all States not to recognize the purported State of the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" set up by secessionist acts" and asked "not to facilitate or in any way assist the aforesaid secessionist entity."

May I bring to your notice too the Series of Hammond - Pull out Maps published by Newsweek during the period of the Gulf War (The Gulf War Zone) alongside the explanatory note a Turkish Cypriots declare independence 1983" pointed out that in 1974 there was a turkish invasion of Cyprus.

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2. In the space indicated in your map as N. Cyprus the names of towns and localities given are those given arbitrarily by the illegal secessionist entity. I believe that this change of names consolidated throughout the ages and found in all history and geography books and encyclopedias violates scientific norms in cartography.

Hoping that the points raised will be useful when a new Edition of your Maps come out.

I remain
Sincerely yours

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