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Statement by the Republic of Turkey at the 29th Session of the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names Under Agenda Item 12 (Country Names)

Mr. Chair,

On behalf of Turkey, I would like to commend the valuable work done by the Working Group on Country Names. We strongly believe that the Group of Experts on Geographical Names is discharging a very important task and we are determined to reinforce our attendance and contribution to the meetings.

However, on this occasion, I wish to bring to your kind attention that the country name used for the Island of Cyprus in documents of the meeting, specifically in WP No: 49/4, should in no way be construed as a single authority representing the Island as a whole. Therefore, Turkey declares that approval of this and other documents by the meeting neither forms recognition of the Greek Cypriot Administration nor prejudices Turkey's rights and obligations emanating from the Treaty of Guarantee, the Treaty of Alliance, and the Treaty of Establishment of 1960.

I kindly request Mr. Chair that this statement be reflected in the official records of the meeting.

Thank you.