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Letter dated 6 March 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

It was with deep regret that we have noticed that Turkey, by its letter dated 23 February 1981 (A/36/108-S/14382), has again resorted to the old practice of acting as a vehicle for the dissemination of misinformation harmful to the ongoing intercommunal talks in Cyprus and at the same time abusing established procedures of the United Nations.

Faithful to our intent not to indulge in polemics so long as the dialogue still offers even a glimmer of hope, and despite our disappointment resulting from the stalling practices of the Turkish Cypriots at the talks, we shall merely refute all the allegations contained in the aforesaid letter and simply add that even the most fertile imagination should normally stop short of the interpretations ascribed to paragraph 89 of the New Delhi Declaration (A/36/116, annex).

Our objective at New Delhi was to be constructive, as we were, and to enlighten the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on recent developments in Cyprus, particularly on the intercommunal talks, presently carried out and to which the non-aligned countries reiterated their support, as well as their intention to keep the situation under constant review.

Our constructive attitude throughout the Conference was favourably commented upon, and paragraph 89, introduced by the Chairman of the Contact Group mandated by the movement to deal with the question of Cyprus and readily adopted by consensus, is ample proof thereof.

To enable any impartial observer to form an objective opinion on the subject, we cite herein below, in toto, the text of paragraph 89:

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\* A/36/50.

"On the situation in Cyprus, the Ministers reaffirmed their support for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and non-alignment of the Republic of Cyprus and reiterated their solidarity with its Government and people. The Ministers welcomed the resumption of inter-communal talks under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary-General and expressed the hope that those talks would be conducted in a meaningful and constructive manner, in order to bring about an early solution of the problem in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, the Non-Aligned Decisions and Declarations, and the High-Level Agreements. The Ministers requested the Contact Group of the Non-Aligned Countries to have the situation under constant review."

Could any person of bona fides argue that the above text is anything but helpful and constructive? It is to be hoped, in the circumstances, that we are not faced with yet another effort to look for pretexts in order to undermine the intercommunal talks.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Andreas V. MAVROMMATIS  
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