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Letter dated 18 May 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The expansionist designs of Turkey against my country during the last 30 years have been no secret. Contrary to the principle of self-determination, the political leadership in Ankara has been propagating, from the early fifties, the slogan "Kibris turktur" (i.e. "Cyprus is Turkish"). The aim of Turkey was, and still is, to swallow Cyprus, because of the fact that 18 per cent of our population is of Turkish origin.

Though this aim remains immutable, the Turkish strategy varies according to circumstances. Thus, in 1974, grasping a pretext, Turkey invaded the Republic of Cyprus, expelled the indigenous population and established its military occupation over a substantial part of the Republic, by means of what the Turkish officials call a "Cyprus peace operation". In the territory of Cyprus under Turkish occupation, the Ankara régime established a so-called "State", which is in reality a puppet régime, a product of illegality and of violation of all human rights. When circumstances allow, Turkey aims at annexing the remaining part of Cyprus, "liberating" thus the Island from the presence of its "barbaric" original inhabitants.

As early as 1969, the tourism authorities of Turkey were publishing road maps of the area, depicting Turkey and Cyprus with the same colour, so as to be jointly distinguished from the neighbouring countries. Official manifestations and declarations by Turks that Cyprus is to be considered as part of Turkey abound and are well known to those who pretend to ignore them.

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I am instructed by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus to bring to your knowledge a new and explicit indication of Turkey's expansionist goals: the use in Turkish museums of entrance tickets, recently issued by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Turkish Republic, showing the territories of Turkey and of the Republic of Cyprus only, as if they both compose a single entity.

A photocopy of such a ticket is hereto attached.

I should be grateful if this letter, together with the photocopy of the ticket, were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 41 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Constantine MOUSHOUTAS
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