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Letter dated 12 March 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to document A/39/85-S/16290 dated 25 January 1984 in which the authors once again needlessly prolong what is a non-issue in an attempt to throw a smokescreen over Turkey's own dismal record of flagrant and gross violations of human rights.

Let me repeat most emphatically for the record that the allegations contained in the above-mentioned document are utterly false and malicious.

The Turkish side, for obvious reasons, failed to respond to the real issues raised in my letter to Your Excellency dated 9 December 1983 (A/38/723-S/16211 dated 12 December 1983), namely that Turkey continues to pursue its partitionist and annexationist designs against the Republic of Cyprus. Specifically, that Turkey does so through such neo-apartheid policies, as mass and blatant violations of the human rights of the people of Cyprus including the uprooting of a third of the population, forced separation, segregation and division based on ethnic criteria, and finally by the most recent purported declaration of independence by its illegal offspring. These policies are so similar to those of South Africa in pursuing its goal of bantustanization as to be embarrassing (one would think) for Turkey in the eyes of the international community, but again too much may be expected of a Government which has displayed such gross and utter disregard for human dignity and basic standards of fairness.

^{*} A/39/50.

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I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 29 and 31 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Constantine MOUSHOUTAS

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