

Mr. L. Loucaides' statement

I wish to refer to a letter by Tsimpedes Law Firm, dated 3rd October, 2011 and addressed to "Dear Plaintiff" and make the following comments, in order to put the record straight.

At page 2 of that letter, Mr. Tsimpedes states the following lies about me for which I reserve my rights :

"I want to be clear that "I terminated his participation in our lawsuit based on his position on the "IPC..."

The reality is that some months ago, when Mr. Tsimpedes was in Cyprus and he had an appointment with me at my office, which he failed to attend, I went myself to his hotel "Cyprus Hilton" and I met him at the lobby. I then told him exactly what I was going to say to him had he attended his appointment : I told him that he does not brief me or inform me about the various pleadings and stages of the case which I expected him to do, because being a lawyer myself I wanted to follow the developments in his relevant civil proceedings in Washington. I also told him that he somehow commercialized his legal proceedings and allowed persons, such as Mr. Mavrides, who is not a lawyer to go around and support his case in public, through articles in the newspapers and otherwise, misleading the people by telling them that the European Court of Human Rights will not give them any remedy in any case and that this Court did not state that people have to go to the Commission in the Turkish part of Cyprus (full stop). He was intentionally avoiding adding that the Court said that if people wanted to go to the Court, they have first to go to the Turkish Commission and if they are not satisfied, they could go to the Court. I also told him that the rumor that is being spread and it seems to be adopted by him that I had an interest to see that people go to the Turkish Commission is an absolute lie because I never showed any interest my-self to take any case of my clients to this Commission. On the contrary, I told them that I could not possibly myself bring any case to that Commission because this is against my feelings and if they are interested they should apply through another lawyer. I finally told him that he is not well-acquainted with the Cyprus problem and the relevant proceedings before the European Commission and the European Court of Human Rights, that I personally brought the proceedings before the European Commission and supported the cases before the European Court of Human Rights. That being myself a Greek/Cypriot who lived the experiences of the invasion and occupation, I am in a better position than himself to feel the problem of the violations of human rights by Turkey in Cyprus and advise about the remedies. I then told him that I did not want to have anything to do with either his proceedings or himself and I (not him) terminated our co-operation which started because a person, whom I respect, has introduced him to me. I was never an ardent supporter of his lawsuit but only a passive representative for those people that were showing interest to join as plaintiffs in his case.

In some other paragraph in his letter, Mr. Tsimpedes states that "Loucaides appears to have coordinated their wrongful efforts". This is again an absolute lie.

In view of the above, I confidently say that it is my firm opinion that having said the serious lies that I explained above, Mr. Tsimpedes cannot be trusted as a man of integrity.

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