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Antony J. Blinken  
 Secretary of State  
 United States of America

Sir,

We congratulate you on your appointment as the new Secretary of State and wish you every success for the benefit of your Country and the World.

Speaking recently to the Foreign Relations Committee of the American Senate, you promised active involvement of the American Government with the Cyprus Problem and repeated the American support for a solution of Bizonal Bicomunal Federation (BBF). Cyprus being a small country should normally welcome such a commitment by a big Power like America. However, we, the ordinary people of Cyprus, especially us refugees and displaced people, being the victims of the Turkish invasion and occupation of part of our country, we are greatly disappointed with the continuing American support for BBF. For a country on a crusade in favour of Human Rights around the World, we consider the American support for BBF as politics of double standards and an insult to us, victims of gross violation of our Human Rights by Turkey, an ally of America, equipped with American arms. Your support for BBF condemns us and our children and grand- children to remain permanently refugees, away from our ancestral homes and property. Your support for BBF is a declaration of non-respect for International Law, the Universal Declaration and other Human Rights Conventions. 33% of the population of Cyprus in 1974, **equivalent to more than 110 million Americans**, was brutally, ethnically cleansed from the occupied area of Cyprus and replaced by thousands of Turkish settlers, in order to justify a BBF type of solution to the Cyprus Problem. By supporting BBF your Government becomes implicated with the crime of Ethnic cleansing and the illegal colonization of the occupied areas of Cyprus, both being crimes against Humanity.

**Therefore, we call on you** to reconsider and reverse the American position on the Cyprus Problem, and we assure you that our leaders will view such a reversal with great relief, because, on this issue they are in great discord with the people of Cyprus. Please be reminded of the 2004 referendum on BBF in which the people of Cyprus rejected it.

Such a reversal shall be in the benefit of America in more ways than one.

We shall be pleased to discuss the matter and explain our selves further to you or your Ambassador in Cyprus.

Waiting for your response,

Sincerely  
 For our Association  
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