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Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission

Dear President,

**THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE UNVEILED HYPOCRISY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY.**

We Kyrenians, being ourselves victims of foreign military invasion, in 1974, namely by our neighbour Turkey, strongly condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine and express our support to the ordinary people of Ukraine for their suffering. We support the call for ending the military activity in order to allow Diplomacy to tackle the problems.

**However, we are angry and furious** with the European Union, with the double standards employed in its foreign policy. **Suddenly the European Union** appeared to be the champion of International Law and Order, the champion of territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, champion of the right of the Ukrainian people to self-determination and champion of their Human Rights. **We are furious because** the European Union cynically **showed none such sensitivity** towards our 48-year-old plight, as a result of the Turkish military invasion and continuing occupation of our country, the brutal violation of our Human Rights and basic freedoms. The European Union showed and continue to show no sensitivity to our plight at all.

We consider the European foreign policy unfolding since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a policy of Double Standards. It shows as far as we are concerned, gross hypocrisy and constitutes a serious provocation. We have every right to make this judgement for the following reasons,

1. It has since 1974, been established that our tragedy was planned and assisted in its execution by circles within the Western World which today is, ironically, «outraged» against the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Cyprus was invaded by Turkey, a NATO country and an ally of Europe and the West, using weapons of Western origin having logistical support by Western countries. This fact of life goes unnoticed for 48 years and **during this time we observed no parallel action against Turkey, identical to what we witness today against Russia.**
2. The occupation of Cyprus is sustained, since 1974, with the illegal diplomatic and economic support of the European Union and the rest of the Western countries. NATO, the European UNION and other Western countries never condemned Turkey.

In addition, the European Union, blocks every effort to impose sanctions on Turkey, contrary to what they are doing today in the case of the Russian invasion.

### 3. Europe and the Western World:

- turn a blind eye to the occupation of 37% of the territory of Cyprus, in **Violation of the territorial integrity of a sovereign independent State, in violation of International Law and the UN Charter**
- turn a blind eye to our ethnic cleansing from the occupied area of Cyprus. The European Union is silently supporting derogations from the European acquis in order that, the refugees are prevented to return to their homes and property in the occupied area of Cyprus, so that the solution of Bizonal Bicomunal Federation can be accommodated.
- turn a blind eye to the colonization of the occupied area with Turkish and European settlers, and Europe is supporting their acceptance on Cyprus as part of a solution.
- turn a blind eye to the war crimes against our people and Humanity. The European Union condones the partitionist plans and the serial war crimes committed by the occupier and is pressuring us, to legitimize the outcome of the occupation, by subduing to a Bizonal Bicomunal Federation, i.e., to accept and legalize the DE-FACTO situation created by the force of arms, to a DE-YURE one.


### HYPOCRICY AT IT'S PEAK.

We ask you to circulate our letter to all the Members of the Commission and call for special meetings in order to reassess policy on Cyprus and align the European policy on Cyprus, in line with the European stand on Ukraine.

We offer you the opportunity to demonstrate at your level, to the whole world that the European Union does not support International Law and Order, a la carte .

The credibility of the European Union, following the events in Ukraine, is in your hands.

Sincerely  
For the Association

  
Ioannis Shekersavvas  
President

