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## PETITION TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONAL BODIES

1. European Parliament
2. European Council
3. Council of the European union
4. European Commission

Dear Sirs/Madams,

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to share with you in person the agonies of the displaced and refugees citizens of Cyprus, first, second and third generations, victims of ethnic cleansing following the Turkish military invasion and occupation of 37% of the territory of Cyprus, in 1974. The agony of people deeply rooted in the land of the occupied District of Kyrenia, who do not forget and struggle for the restoration of their Human Rights, grossly violated by the occupation. The agony of people who long, for the restoration of the rule of Law violated in 1974 so that they can return and resettle in their villages, in their homes and on their properties, from which they were ethnically cleansed in 1974 by the Turkish invader.

The same agonies are also endured by all the displaced and refugees from the rest of the 37% of occupied territory of Cyprus.

We all, have our eyes turned to the European Union, which we joined, showered with promises and rising expectations that the European principles and values will serve as a catalyst for the liberation of Cyprus and lead to a just and lasting solution of the Cyprus Problem.

Unfortunately our agony and anxieties are growing and at the same time expectations are sinking, realizing that, the European Union is becoming a catalyst for turning the DE-FACTO outcome of the Turkish aggression of 1974 into a DE-YURE constituent part of Cyprus, in a Bizonal Bicomunal Federation (BBF), being the final solution to the Cyprus Problem.

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**Αμετάθετος στόχος μας η απελευθέρωση και επιστροφή στα κατεχόμενα, τώρα, χωριά και πόλεις μας**

**The restoration of the Human Rights of all refugees is not negotiable**

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**This conclusion is drawn from the following actions undertaken by the European Union:**

- The treatment of the Cyprus problem as a bicomunal problem, instead of an international one, of foreign military invasion, occupation and brutal violation of Human Rights. **Such an action is contrary to the values and principles of the European Union and in violation of the UN Charter.**
- The support rendered by the European Union to the so-called convergences achieved so far on various aspects of the Cyprus Problem under discussion. **In our view all the convergences are in violation of the UN CHARTER, as well as the European acquis.**
- The European handling of the illegal regime as a DE-YURE entity on Cyprus, ignoring the Security Council's Resolutions 541 & 550 which condemn the unilateral declaration of Independence of the occupied territory, declaring it illegal, void, calling for its withdrawal and direct all Nation Members not to recognize it, or assist it in any way. The European handling of the illegal regime opened the door to European citizens to settle in the occupied area and to actively engage in the Commercial development and commercial exploitation of our stolen properties, left in the occupied area.

**Detailed actions and deeds giving DE-YURE status to the illegal regime are summarized as follows:**

- ❖ Acknowledgement and political acceptance via direct meetings with representatives of the illegal regime
- ❖ The opening of «commercial offices» in the European Capital cities being under cover shadow Diplomatic missions
- ❖ Directly financing infrastructure projects in the occupied area of Cyprus for the benefit of the illegal regime, ignoring the fact that these projects are being executed on our properties without our permission.
- ❖ Your active involvement in preparing the regime for entrance to the European Union as if it is a separate entity. This is not necessary since Cyprus accession covers the whole of the island. When the Problem is solved and the Cyprus Republic governance is restored all over the island, then the European acquis will automatically work, over the occupied territory as well.



- ❖ The European support given to the various confidence building measures implemented via bicomunal technical committees, prepares the ground for interstate relations.
- ❖ These actions are indicating that the solution of BBF is unlawfully considered at high levels, including Europe, to be the final solution of the Cyprus Problem, ignoring the popular vote of the 2004 referendum which rejected the solution of BBF.

Final BBF settlement will pardon and legalise the serial/concurrent violations of the United Nations Charter, having to do with the sovereign State rights of our Republic, as well as war crimes committed by Turkey against the people of Cyprus as a whole. We note some of these cases in order to puzzle you with, and ask you to rethink over the need to reverse the present European stand on the Cyprus Problem. Thus:

- Bizonal Bicomunal Federation in Cyprus will legalise the violation of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, 37% of which, remember, is currently militarily occupied by Turkey. This is a serious violation of the UN Charter and important UN National Assembly and UN Security Council Resolutions, e.g. Resolutions 186/1964, 3212/1974, 365/1974, and 367/1975, e.t.c. Such Resolutions are set aside by all involved and recently we listen to persistent reference to the Resolution 649/1990 which arbitrarily and illegally endorse the solution of BBF with political equality of Communities, on the basis of the current situation which is the product of war. It is totally wrong and unlawful to advocate for political equality for the minority community of 18% of the population of Cyprus.
- BBF will legalize the Ethnic cleansing of 33% of the Greek population of Cyprus (200000 people in 1974). To realise the dimension of this Humanitarian problem please note the respective analogy with European Populations:

25 million Germans

23 million French

16 million Spaniards

4 million Portuguese e.t.c.

Also it should be noted that the 33% of total displaced population of Cyprus constitutes 85% of the indigenous population of the occupied territory of Cyprus, who at the same time are the owners of 85% of the



privately owned land and other property there. **The extend of violation of the UN Charter as well as the European acquis is obvious.**

- Besides pardoned for the ethnic cleansing of the occupied areas of the Greek population, Turkey will also be pardoned for other Human Rights violations, such as,
  - Executions and ill treatment of soldiers as well as civilians: men, women, children and old people.
  - Death of 6000 people, and the disappearance of 1619 who went missing after they were arrested, the majority from their homes
  - Humiliating treatment and mass rape of women of all ages
- BBF will legalise the forced transfer of all the Turkish Cypriots from all over Cyprus into the occupied area, completing the geographic separation of the population of Cyprus on the basis of ethnicity, race and religion. An apartheid will be institutionalised and the racial segregation of the population of Cyprus will be completed, totally in violation of International and European Laws, as part of a conspiracy between the colonial Britain and Turkey in the 1950s, leading to the partition Cyprus.
- The massive inflow of Turkish settlers, initially and European and others lately, will be legitimized. These settlers were illegally brought in to replace us, in order to create artificial population conditions to justify the establishment o BBF.
- A BBF settlement will be an undemocratic system of Governance serving foreign interests and not the aspirations of the population. The rejection of BBF by the population in the referendum of 2004 was clear and it is unlawful to continue pursuing it.

In view of all the above the European Union is not justified to continue the current approach to the Cyprus Problem, practicing double standard politics in the light of treatment rendered to other International crisis, e.g. Ukraine. As Eyropean citizens we strongly protest because we are eligible for equal treatment. Therefore we ask for a policy review on the Cyprus Problem by Europe based on the fact that it is an International problem of foreign invasion, occupation and violation of Human Rights. **We strongly object and reject the claim that Europe is supporting the politics of the Cyprus Governments.** We strongly believe that the European Union should insist that **politics practiced in the UNION should be strictly in line with the legal framework of the Union, rejecting any derogations from it.**



We cannot forget the pressure put on us in 2004 to accept the ANNAN PLAN and the derogations therein, assuring us that they could have been turned into primary legislation once approved in the referendum. Fortunately the voters on both sides of the truce line did not fall for it and rejected the ANNAN PLAN. We say so because, the YES vote in the occupied area was the vote of the illegal settlers and the 26% NO vote, was the vote of the Turkish Cypriots.

Unfortunately the impressive NO vote of the Cypriot people was not respected by the European Union and the Union insists to support the pursuance of a solution of Bizonal bicommunal Federation which is contrary to the European principles and *acquis*.

We strongly insist that the European Union and the UN are bound by International Law to co-ordinate effort for a solution, just and viable in accordance to the UN Charter and other International Conventions on Human Rights, which dictate:

1. The immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all the Turkish troops out of Cyprus as well as all the Turkish, European and other illegal settlers.
2. The independence and territorial integrity as well as the exercise of governance all over the island by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus to be restored.
3. The Cyprus Government and the Cypriot people with the assistance of the European Union and the UN, to deal with the difficult task of sorting - out the practical difficulties in restoring the demographic character of Cyprus with the ultimate aim to have all the displaced persons and refugees reinstated in their ancestral homes and property.
4. Finally, the Cypriot people being free from the occupation, to be free to undertake the task to harmonize the current Constitution of the Republic with the acceptable Democratic Principles of Governance, free from foreign guarantees. Guarantor of every country in the World today should be the umbrellas of International Bodies, e.g. the United Nations Organization, acting as directed by the provisions of its Charter.

The above 4 steps road map to solve the Cyprus Problem were quoted in the first General Assembly Resolution, after the Turkish invasion, Resolution 3212 /1974 which was endorsed by the Security Council immediately after, by Resolution 365/1974. The Resolution 3212 set the path to be followed: **Removal of all armies first and then talks to follow with urgent measures to be taken for the return of the refugees to their Homes and Property.** Unfortunately this path was not purposely followed.



It is our strong view that the European Union should renounce the Bicomunal talks in order to avoid blame for relinquishing our Human Rights, setting in the case of Cyprus, a dangerous precedent for other States.

Thanking you again for giving us the chance to be heard, we repeat that we speak on behalf of all the refugees and displaced people of Cyprus, all the Cypriot society. We are very sorry to note that the Cypriot Society, which insists on the need to be free and allowed to decide its future, with State and Human Rights of the Cyprus Republic and its people respected, have been deprived of the chance to be heard. Consequently the mediators are not fully aware of what the public opinion truly is and eventually unacceptable ideas for a solution, end up in failure. One should remember the NO vote at the referendum of 2004 against the ANNAN Plan. It should be respected that even elected leaders alone, cannot decide on drastic future changes of a country and the people's lives.

In conclusion please note **the following historical facts** which one should have in mind when trying to mediate correctly in the Cyprus case.

- After 400 years of Ottoman and 80 years of British occupation of Cyprus the 3000 year historical heritage of Cyprus did not change. The Greek population remained a clear majority on the island, a fact verified by the last British Colonial survey in 1960 just before independence.
  - 2-3% minorities of Armenians, Maronites and Latin people
  - 18% minority of Muslims the majority of which were Greek Cypriots who became Muslims in order to endure the hardships of life, under the Ottoman rule, and all of them being called Turkish Cypriots
  - 80% clear majority of Greeks in the whole of the island as well as in the territory under the current Turkish occupation.

It is inconceivable that, this day and age, following the invasion in 1974 and all that happened since, under the strength of 40-50000 Turkish troops on the island, the people of Cyprus should be pressured to accept the DE-FACTO situation on the ground as the final DE-YURE, racist and Apartheid solution to the Cyprus Problem, named Bizonal Bicomunal Federation (BBF).

- In 1960 the British Colonialists black-mailed us for independence under an undemocratic Constitution which was not voted for, by the population. On the contrary the Zurich Constitution proved to be the conspiracy tool, for the partition of the island carefully planned to follow, under an unacceptable criminal road map. We lived through this conspiracy road

map as children, young and grown - up men and women of the Cypriot society. The independence of Cyprus was meant as a temporary step towards the goal of the conspiracy, the partition of Cyprus, via the BBF solution. **This conspiracy is revealed in the secret British Documents on Cyprus, which have so far been released for historical reasons.**

It is therefore inconceivable for our people to accept this final act of this conspiracy and we expect the European Union not to play the part of a modern Pontius Pilate willing to crucify Cyprus and it's people on a BBF cross.

**Therefore, as Human beings and European citizens who respect ourselves, we refuse to be victimized in order to accommodate the expansionist policies of Turkey, as well as the strategic, economic and other interests of other countries and ask for the solidarity of the European Union to block the road to BBF. By doing so the credibility of the European Union will be safeguarded and the values and principles it represents shall be favorably validated by all Europeans.**

Faithfully

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