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The World Conference of Cyprus Diaspora, convened in Nicosia, Cyprus, to discuss, amongst other issues, the current situation on the island and reaffirmed its decision to support the Cypriot people.

Emphasizing that the Cyprus problem is first and foremost an international problem due to the illegal Turkish invasion and continued military occupation of the territory of the sovereign Republic of Cyprus until today. This is a violation of International and European Law by Turkey. **Expressing disappointment that efforts to achieve a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem have failed to yield positive results due to the negative and intransigent position of the Turkish side.**

Condemning the insistence of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leader for the recognition of sovereign equality and equal international status of the secessionist entity, undermining the prospects for the resumption of the negotiation process in the agreed UN framework of a bizonal, bicomunal federation with political equality as defined in the relevant UN SC Resolutions.

Expressing full support to the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Greek Cypriot Community to work tirelessly, with firm commitment and in a result-oriented manner towards a solution to the Cyprus problem, which will free Cyprus from the Turkish occupation, reunite Cyprus and its people in a just and viable settlement, secure the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots, as well as their common future within the European Union.

Welcoming the initiative of the President of the Republic of Cyprus for the appointment of a high-level political personality from Europe to engage in shuttle diplomacy. This initiative does not involve a change in the framework of the solution, nor a substitution of the UN by the EU, but a “gradual package of solutions in the context of Europe-Turkey relations.”

Condemning the ongoing Turkish occupation of almost 35% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as the continuous violation by Turkey of the relevant U.N. Resolutions, and the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Cyprus.

Considers that the present status quo in Cyprus is unacceptable and that Turkey’s military presence on the island is in flagrant violation of international law, the UN

charter and numerous U.N. Security Council Resolutions and General Assembly Resolutions, including Res. 3212 (1974).

Condemning in the strongest possible terms the violent attack of the occupation authorities against UNFICYP and the injuries they inflicted on peacekeepers, as they upheld their UN Security Council mandate to safeguard the buffer zone. The unauthorized construction works in the buffer zone near Pyla are an inflammatory and unacceptable act that completely violate the status quo in Cyprus, and the violent attacks against peacekeepers are a crime according to international law, which can not go unpunished.

Condemning all unilateral steps in Varosha and the unacceptable announcements made by the Turkish President and the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community on 20 July 2021 on the “second phase of opening Varosha” which classified part of the fenced-off area as a “civilian zone”. These unilateral actions run contrary to the Security Council’s resolutions and statements that also call for the immediate reversal of all steps taken on Varosha since October 2020.

Calling for the immediate and unconditional return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants, as described in the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions No. 550/1984 and 789/1992. Any attempt to settle any part of Varosha by people other than its inhabitants is inadmissible. No actions should be carried out in relation to Varosha that are not in accordance with UN SC Resolutions.

Condemning Turkey’s systematic policy of settlement and violation of the Geneva Convention in the occupied part of Cyprus, which constitutes a continuous and unacceptable war crime, aiming at the drastic change of the demographic character of the island and condemning all acts undermining the efforts to reunite Cyprus by promoting secessionist acts.

Condemning the continuous violations by the occupation regime of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the enclaved (Greek Cypriots and Maronites) residing in the occupied area, and its refusal to implement the Third Vienna Agreement 1975.

Condemning Turkey’s aggressive and revisionist policy in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Cyprus, in violation of international law and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea demonstrates zero concrete effort to become part of the regional energy family. To the contrary, its aggressive rhetoric, its threatening acts and hindering regional energy projects demonstrated unwillingness to commit good neighbourly relations and reconsider its revisionist rhetoric regarding the so called “Blue Homeland Doctrine”.

Condemning the systematic Turkish policy of instrumentalization of illegal migration, using migration as a tool for the exercise of political pressure, at the expense of the

migrants themselves who are primarily victimized via this approach, and to disrupt social cohesion. Additionally, Turkey refuses to implement its obligation to prevent illegal migratory flows towards the EU and cooperate with neighboring states and the EU to this effect. This is one of its obligations stipulated in the EU-Turkey Statement of 2016.

Deploring that no satisfactory progress has been made on the humanitarian issue of the missing persons, despite all efforts and relevant Judgements of the ECtHR i.e. the fourth Interstate case Cyprus v Turkey (2001 and 2014), due to Turkey's refusal to cooperate constructively with the Committee on Missing Persons, and to provide information that exists in the Turkish military archives about the location of mass graves and new locations of relocated remains, as well as the refusal to provide unconditional access to all military areas in the occupied areas in order to facilitate the work of the CMP.

Expressing grave concern over the growing efforts, in the occupied part of Cyprus, at attempts to permanently alter the demographic character of the island. This includes the destruction of over 500 churches, the sale of an estimated 60.000 archeological treasures, the refusal of the occupation regime to "accept" the appointment of a number of teachers for the Rizokarpaso schools, including religious education teachers (without justification and deliberate delays to "accept" appointments for a prolonged period), as well as the "rejection" of school textbooks.

Calls upon the International Community to impress upon Turkey the need to implement the UN SC Resolutions and ECtHR judgments relating to Cyprus (including the principal Judgment on the fourth interstate application of Cyprus v Turkey of 2001 and the subsequent Judgment on just satisfaction of 2014) and contribute constructively to the process in order to reach a successful conclusion, for the benefit of all Cypriots.

Calls upon the United Nations to work for the immediate and unconditional implementation by Turkey of all United Nations Resolutions on Cyprus, that call for the withdrawal of its occupation troops and of settlers, the return of all refugees to their homes in safety, the restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms to all Cypriots, the full and effective investigation of the fate and whereabouts of all missing persons.

Welcomes the unanimous condemnation of the recent illegal Turkish actions in the buffer zone by the UN Security Council, high ranking officials of the European Union and the wider international community. Expresses the hope that these violent attacks against UN peacekeepers, which constitute a war crime under international law, should lead to the appropriate consequences.

Fully supports the efforts for a resumption of the negotiating process under the auspices of the UN SG Good Offices Mission aiming at a comprehensive, just, viable and workable solution to the Cyprus problem, which will be based on the principles of international law, the High-Level Agreements, the relevant U.N. Resolutions and fully in-line with the E.U. Acquis Communautaire.

Express full support for the initiative of President Christodoulides with the aim to resume negotiations within the agreed UN framework as prescribed by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, which provide for the creation of a bizonal bicomunal federation with political equality, as defined in the relevant UN Security Resolutions.

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