2010 ANNUAL REPORT

High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
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At its meeting of 22 October 2009, the Conference of Presidents decided to re-establish the CYTR High-Level Contact Group with the following mandate:

The role of the Group is:

- to establish contact with the political representatives of the northern part of the island, elected representatives and representatives of civil society in the broadest sense of the term, including the business world, academia, the mass media and representatives of the religious communities;

- to gather information on the region's political and socio-economic situation;

- to ensure at its various meetings that information about the European Union and its objectives and values is passed on;

- to monitor the implementation of the financial and commercial measures decided by the Union with regard to the aid intended to encourage the region's economic development, and to try to assess its short and medium-term impact;

- to update the Conference of Presidents and, where appropriate, the parliamentary committees on how the situation develops and to present annual written public reports.

It then approved the Group's calendar of meetings and visits to Cyprus and the work programme for 2010 at its meeting on 17 December 2009.

The Conference of Presidents reaffirmed the Group's mandate when it met on 20 May 2010 and 16 June 2010 (extracts of the relevant minutes of the Conference of Presidents are attached1).

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Reestablishment and composition of the Group

Following the decision of the Conference of Presidents on 22 October 2009, which by adopting a revised mandate for the Group also re-established it, the Contact Group held its constituent meeting in Strasbourg on 26 November 2009 under the chairmanship of European parliament Vice-President Libor Rouček, appointed by the Conference of Presidents as Group's coordinator for the first half of the parliamentary term at its meeting on 19 November 2009.

Based on proposals by each political group, the Contact Group was constituted as follows:

- Libor Rouček [S&D, Cz], Coordinator
- Françoise Grossetête [EPP (CD), F], Deputy Coordinator2
- Graham Watson [ADLE, UK]
- Franziska Keller [Greens/EFA, D]

1 Annexes 1 to 5
2 Appointed by the Conference of Presidents at its meeting on 19 November 2009 as the Group's Coordinator for the second half of the parliamentary term.
- Marina Yannakoudakis [ECR, UK]
- Willy Meyer [GUE/NGL, Es]
- Nikolaos Salavrakos [EFD, GR]
- Angelika Werthmann [Non-attached, At]

It then agreed its 2010 calendar of meetings and work programme which was endorsed by the Conference of Presidents at its meeting on 17 December 2009.

**Meetings**

All in all, the Contact Group held two meetings in 2009 (both in Strasbourg on 26 November and 16 December) and thirteen in 2010 (all but one in Strasbourg), the agendas of which are attached:

- 21 January
- 10 February
- 11 February
- 11 March
- 28 April (Brussels)
- 20 May
- 17 June
- 9 September
- 22 September
- 20 October
- 21 October
- 25 November
- 16 December

**Visits to Cyprus**

The Contact Group went to Cyprus three times in 2010 (see programmes attached):

- 3 to 5 February
- 9 to 11 June
- 3 to 5 November

**List of people met**

A list of people met at the Group's meetings and in Cyprus is attached.
II. THE SITUATION IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND AND OVERVIEW OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS

At each of its visits, the Contact Group met with the Leaders of the two communities in Cyprus, namely Demetris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus and Greek Cypriot Leader, and the Turkish Cypriot Leader, first Mehmet Ali Talat until April 2010 and subsequently Derviş Eroğlu. On some occasions the Contact Group also met with the respective Representatives of the two Leaders in the negotiations. Following the election of the new Turkish Cypriot Leader, the Contact Group issued a statement commending the efforts made by the outgoing leader and encouraging Mr Derviş Eroğlu to pursue the negotiations with good faith toward a settlement of the Cyprus problem.

1. Negotiations between the two Leaders

The leaders of the two communities in Cyprus launched a new phase in the Cyprus talks (a Cypriot owned process under the auspices of the United Nations) with a preparatory stage in March 2008 and direct talks in September 2008. A series of intensified meetings were held in January 2010. From September 2008 to the end of 2010, more than 90 meetings were held between the leaders, Demetris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus and leader of the Greek Cypriot community, and the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community, first Mehmet Ali Talat until April 2010 and subsequently Derviş Eroğlu. Following Mr Eroğlu's assuming the leadership of the Turkish Cypriot community the talks resumed with the common understanding that they ought to be continued from where they were left off.

According to the assessment of the two leaders progress has been made on the chapters of governance and power sharing, EU matters and the economy. The property chapter is still under discussion, with some intensive meetings on this matter in September 2010. A number of significant issues, that is security, territory and immigration, nationality, aliens and asylum, are still to be discussed.

The Committee on the Missing Persons has continued its intense work on exhumation, identification and return of remains of missing persons in Cyprus, to which the High-Level Contact Group has given full and active support.

The Limnitis crossing was opened in October 2010 with a significant contribution from the European Union and has greatly facilitated the lives of people from the area. The two leaders have since agreed to work on the opening of more crossings.

The United Nations Secretary General visited Cyprus at the beginning of February 2010. In November 2010 he met the two leaders in New York in order to renew the momentum of the talks. The situation is to be reviewed at a new meeting between the three on 26 January 2011 in Geneva.

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1 Annex 25
Within the period covered by this document the Secretary General of the United Nations concluded four reports submitted to the United Nations Security Council, more specifically:

- two reports on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (UNFICYP): 28 May 2010 (S/2010/264) and 26 November 2010 (S/2010/605);


The message which was given to the Contact Group by the Leaders during its last visit to Cyprus (3 to 5 November 2010) was that they were facing problems with regard to the progress and success in the negotiations but nonetheless they confirmed their commitment to continue the talks.

The Turkish Cypriot Leader reiterated his opinion that the setting up of the Contact Group had been an alternative to the granting of an observer status to representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community. Therefore in his opinion, the Contact Group should primarily relay the concerns of this community to the European Parliament and the European Union should honour its promises towards the Turkish Cypriot community, notably concerning direct trade. In his words failure to do so explains the decline in confidence in the European Union of the Turkish Cypriots.

In reference to the above it should be noted that President Christofias referred to his proposals that included the opening of the port of Famagusta with the co-management of the two communities and under the auspices of the European Union.

2. The political parties

The Contact Group met separately with almost all political parties of both communities during its first visit to Cyprus, namely from the Turkish Cypriot Community: UBP (National Unity Party), CTP (Republican Turkish Party), DP (Democrat Party), TDP (Communal Democracy Party), ÖRP (Freedom and Reform Party), BKP (United Cyprus Party), YKP (New Cyprus Party), KSP (Cyprus Socialist Party) and MAP (National Justice Party).

And from the Greek Cypriot Community: AKEL (Progressive Party of the Working People), DISY (Democratic Rally), DIKO (Democratic Party), EDEK (Movement for Social Democracy), EVROKO (European Party) and KOP (Ecological and Environmental Movement).

Worth noting is the fact that bi-communal activities are being held by certain political parties.

During its second visit in June, it joined the meeting regularly organised under the auspices of the Slovak embassy, where political parties from both communities engage in dialogue, this time: CTP, TDP, BKP, YKP and BSP and AKEL, DISY, DIKO, EDEK, KOP, EDI (United Democrats), ADIK (Fighting Democratic

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1 A bi-communal dialogue between the Leaders and representatives of political parties in Cyprus was launched in 1989 on the initiative of the then Ambassador of Czechoslovakia to Cyprus and has since then been regularly continued, after 1993 under the auspices of the Slovak Ambassador to Cyprus, currently Ms Anna Tureničová.
Movement) and EPALXI (Political Forum for the Restructuring of the Centre and The Socialists' Initiative).

During the Group's third visit in November it participated in an activity organised by these political parties together with the Slovak Ambassador relating to the environmental problems from mine residuals.

At its meeting in Strasbourg on 22 September 2010 the Contact Group also met representatives of the two main Turkish Cypriot parties, namely Ms Azet Özcafer (UBP) and Ms Sibel Siber (CTP).

The main concerns expressed by the Turkish Cypriot political parties were what they all referred to as the isolation of the northern part of the island, which could partly be lifted if the direct trade regulation is adopted and implemented. It should be noted in this context that the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament, following the recommendation of the Legal service of the European Parliament, however has expressed an opinion against the legal basis of the Direct Trade Regulation proposed by the Commission. At the same time, the Turkish Cypriot political parties deplored the limitations of the Green Line regulation governing trade between the two parts of the island and the problems faced by the Turkish Cypriot Universities and sport federations, regardless of the fact that education was a matter for the Communities in the 1960 Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus. They referred to the fact that no Turkish Cypriot representatives had been admitted within EU institutions (even not as observers), despite the provisions which reserved two seats for them at the European Parliament among others, and by contrast with the Council of Europe where two observers were sitting in the Parliamentary Assembly. They expressed the hope that ways would be found to better reflect their problems.

3. The United Nations

Representatives of the United Nations in Cyprus, both of the UN Peacekeeping Force (UNFICYP) and of the Good Offices Mission, have regularly briefed the Contact Group when in Cyprus. It met the Special Adviser of the UN Secretary General, Alexander Downer, in February and November, and his close aide, Yaser Sabra, Coordinator of the Good Offices Mission, in June. The UN Secretary General's Special Representative and Head of UNFICYP Mission, Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, replaced later in the year by Lisa Buttenheim, also participated in these meetings, as did Leopold Maurer, the European Commission President's Personal Representative to the UN Good Offices Mission. The latter advises Mr Downer on EU-related matters, so that the details of a settlement would be compatible with the acquis communautaire.

4. Monitoring of the implementation of EU instruments

Following the results of the referenda in Cyprus on 24 April 2004 the Council of the European Union invited on 26 April 2004 the European Commission to bring forward comprehensive proposals in order to put an end to the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot community and to facilitate the reunification of Cyprus by encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community.

1 8566/04 (Presse 115)
To this end the Commission put forward three proposals, two of which related to the crossing of the "Green Line" (adopted by the Council on 29 April 2004) and to a financial assistance programme (adopted by the Council on 27 February 2006) and the third one on direct trade (not adopted).

**EU Financial Assistance Programme**

One of the major tasks of the European Parliament, and in this particular case of the CYTR High-Level Contact Group, is to monitor the European Commission's activities and its implementation of the EU budget.

This is why the Contact Group is briefed both during its meetings and at each of its visits to Cyprus by the Commission Task Force for the Turkish Cypriot Community, the European Commission Representation in Cyprus and the EU support office set up in the northern part of the island by the Commission to implement the financial assistance programme established by Council regulation (EC)389/2006 creating an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community with a € 259 million allocation, and whose primary objective is to facilitate the reunification of Cyprus.

An annual report by the Commission gives an overview of this implementation. The last one covering the year 2009 (COM(2010)468) was published on 20 September 2010.

It should be underlined that to date the contracting phase of the aid has been completed while nearly half of it has been now paid to the beneficiaries.

The Contact Group wishes to pay tribute to the Commission team which, in addition to the usual bureaucratic obstacles, has to operate in a unique political, legal and diplomatic context and faces huge challenges in its tasks, especially when it comes to the property of the land where projects are being implemented.

The limited absorption capacity of the Turkish Cypriot community is also an obstacle to a rapid and efficient implementation of the programme.

The Contact Group welcomes and supports the allocation of a supplementary amount of € 25 million for the Assistance Programme in the 2011 EU budget complemented with € 3 million, two of which specifically earmarked for the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus and one million for the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage.

During its visits on the ground, the Contact Group has been able to check the advancement or completion of some of the projects co-financed by the European Union or in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme. Some examples are the bi-communal Waste Water Treatment Plant in Mia Milia/Haspolat, which serves the two communities and is co-managed by them, and was particularly supported by the Group from the very beginning, the revitalization and restoration of city centres, eco-management of potential "Natura 2000" areas and attention given to environmental issues notably in the Karpass peninsula.
"Green Line" regulation

Another EU instrument which aims to facilitate exchanges between the two parts of the island is Council Regulation (EC) 866/2004, based on Protocols 2 and 3 of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU. It intends to regulate the movement of persons, goods and services across the Green Line and through the buffer zone and also to facilitate trade between the two areas.

The European Commission monitors the implementation of the regulation and publishes an annual report. The last report was published on 21 September 2010 (COM(2010)499), and covers the period 1 May 2009 - 30 April 2010.

The total value of trade remains limited also due to the restricted scope of the regulation and to the problems reported to the Contact Group and mentioned in the Commission report. These include the prohibition of Turkish Cypriot commercial vehicles above 7.5 tonnes from moving in the government controlled areas of the Republic of Cyprus in case these do not possess the required Road Worthiness Certificate and driving licence, which can be obtained without charge, the lack of a dispute settlement mechanism and the difficulty for Turkish Cypriot traders to advertise in the Greek Cypriot media or to have their products displayed in the shops. It should be noted that restrictions are imposed by the Turkish Cypriot authorities on the size of purchases that can be done in the Republic of Cyprus by the Turkish Cypriots.

The Contact Group thoroughly investigated these problems with the Chambers of Commerce of both communities, the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (TCCC), founded in 1958, and which has been recognized by the Republic of Cyprus as a legal partner for the scope of the implementation of the Green Line Regulation, and the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, notably by meeting them jointly during its last 2010 visit to Cyprus (3 to 5 November).

According to the European Commission some obstacles include the difficulty for Turkish Cypriot producers to adapt to EU standards, the obligation for the Republic of Cyprus to apply EU law and not to take any step which could amount to treating Turkish Cypriot as foreign nationals or lead to the Green Line taking on the appearance of an external border.

The Contact Group wishes that all stakeholders, both in Cyprus and in Brussels, seek ways to implement or amend the Green Line regulation so as to find solutions to the identified problems. This of course implies good will from all the sides concerned and mutual trust.
5. Civil society

Local representatives

When visiting the northern part of the island the Contact Group meets the representatives of the local communities in order to hear their concerns, learn about their difficulties and aspirations, but also to become acquainted with their achievements.

It did so in the main cities and the villages it went to.

Business world

The Contact Group developed close relations with the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, which is a key for its development and future full integration into the internal market of the Union. It supported the deepening of their contacts with their Greek Cypriot counterparts and hosted a meeting between the two chambers in the framework of its November visit.

It took note of the pledge of the Turkish Cypriot business world in favour of the adoption of the Direct Trade Regulation as proposed by the Commission.

Trade Unions

At the same time, the Contact Group entered into dialogue with representatives of trade unions of both communities, DEV-Iş (Federation of Revolutionary Turkish Cypriot Workers) and BES (municipalities and local authorities employees) for the Turkish Cypriot Community and PEO (Pancyprian Federation of Labour) representing the Greek Cypriot community, DEV-Iş and PEO also cooperating within the All Cyprus Trade Union Forum.

Both Turkish Cypriot trade unions referred to the difficult economic and social situation in their community and stressed the growing demographic imbalance between the proper Turkish Cypriots and the Turkish settlers, which exerted a pressure on the working and pay conditions of the workers in the northern part.

Trade unions of both sides pledged their full commitment for a settlement of the Cyprus problem but also noticed that it had to be supported by the people and not imposed on them.

One teachers' trade union reported having been put under pressure by the Turkish authorities seeking to curtail its trade union activity.

Education

The Contact Group also opened a dialogue, which it will deepen during its future visits to Cyprus, with the education sector, namely with students, professors at the Near East University and teachers at secondary schools.

The problems flowing from the non-recognition of degrees at the international level and the difficulty of entering into contact with similar foreign bodies were widely raised. It was also pointed out that there is a serious lack of exchange between academic
institutions of both communities.

**Health**

The Contact Group had the opportunity to meet representatives of the health sector in the northern part of the island, namely the Turkish Cypriot Medical Association grouping doctors and dentists.

They also complained about being unable to make contact with the outside world, which was detrimental for vocational training, and also about the difficulties surrounding the reimbursement of medical care. They said that exchanges in the medical profession within Cyprus were extremely limited and even agreement regarding the crossing of ambulances in emergency cases was very difficult to implement (a problem that has now been resolved).

Worth noting is the fact that in 2003, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus decided that, regardless of their income, all Turkish Cypriots have free access to medical and pharmaceutical treatment.

At a meeting with the Turkish Cypriot Orthopaedic Association, the Contact Group was informed about its activities aiming at improving conditions of disabled people in rural areas, which are also funded by the EU.

**Civil society organisations**

Contacts were also established with several "non governmental organisations" and the Civil Society Support Team which coordinates the projects undertaken with EU funding for civil society. The draft "law" on associations was heavily criticized because of the provisions strengthening the control of the authorities.

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**III. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2011**

Besides the general implementation of its work programme for 2011\(^1\), the Contact Group intends to continue its dialogue with all sectors of society in the Turkish Cypriot Community and in particular those with which it could not yet enter into contact.

It will aim to visit schools and to meet teachers and pupils, as well as sport federations and sportspersons.

It will also look into the state of preservation of the cultural heritage, including the religious one, and will endeavour to meet religious leaders of both communities.

Furthermore, particular attention will be given to the media of both sides in order to see how it can inform the public in a way that supports reconciliation and points towards the settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Wherever possible, the Contact Group will foster bi-communal contacts and activities beyond legal obstacles and in a spirit of human understanding.

\(^1\) Annex 26
CONCLUSION

As has already been mentioned, the situation prevailing in Cyprus is unique and challenging for the international community, and in particular for the European Union since it welcomed the island as a full member state on 1 May 2004, and it is devastating for all its citizens.

The Contact Group was set up by the European Parliament in 2005 in order to address with the consequences of the failed attempt to reach a settlement of the Cyprus problem just before Cyprus acceded to the Union. While the *acquis communautaire* was suspended in the northern part of the island, all its citizens became citizens of the Union.

Therefore, the primary objective of the Contact Group should be to give them a voice in the Union in full respect of their cultural identity.

The role of the Contact Group is to strengthen the relations between the European Parliament and the Turkish Cypriot community, but it cannot speak in the European Parliament on behalf of this Community, while it will continue to encourage the two communities to reach a solution within the agreed framework.

Increasing bi-communal contacts and mutual trust is part of the same approach.
6.2 Renewal of the composition and mandate of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island

The Conference of Presidents, without debate
- noted the following document:
  - Draft revised mandate for the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island (PE 429.147/CPG);
  - took note of the confidential end-of-mandate report submitted by the Group’s Coordinator, Ms GROSSETETE, outlining the activities, during the sixth parliamentary term, of the High-Level Contact Group for relations with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the Island;
- decided to adopt the revised mandate of the High-Level Contact Group, while confirming that it would continue to be composed of one Member per political group, as well as one non-attached Member;
- stressed that the nomination of the Members of this Contact Group should be designed to take account of the sensitivity of the issue and ensure the smooth functioning of the group’s work.
PV CPG 19.11.2009

9. Nomination of the Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island

The Conference of Presidents, without debate,
• took note the following documents:
  • a letter of 17 November 2009 from Mr DAUL, on the appointment of Mr ROUČEK, for the first half of the parliamentary term, and Ms GROSSETETE, for the second half of the parliamentary term, as coordinators of the High- Level Contact Group for relations with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the Island (PE 432.218/CPG);
  • a letter of 11 November 2009 from Mr DAUL on the appointment of Ms GROSSETETE as the EPP Group's representative on the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island (PE 432.182/CPG);
  • a letter of 21 October 2009 from Mr BORDEZ on the appointment of Mr SALAVRAKOS (EFD Group) to committees and delegations and to the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island (PE 429.180/CPG).
• decided to appoint as Coordinators of the High-Level Contact Group for relations with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the Island: Mr ROUČEK, for the first half of the parliamentary term, and Ms GROSSETETE, for the second half of the parliamentary term.
9. Report on the constituent meeting and draft calendar of meetings and visits for 2010 of
the High-level Contact Group for relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the
Northern part of the Island (CYTR) - financial statement -Letter from Mr ROUCEK, vice-
President and Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group.

The Conference of Presidents, without debate,
- took note of the above-mentioned letter dated 2 December 2009 (PE 432.321/CPG);
- took note of the report of the constituent meeting of the High-level Contact Group
and the draft calendar of meetings and visits for 2010, as presented by Mr ROUČEK,
Coordinator and Vice-President of Parliament;
- took note that at its constituent meeting the group had unanimously designated Ms
GROSSETÊTE, Member, as Deputy Coordinator and that the other Members of the
group are Mr WATSON (ALDE), Ms KELLER (Greens/EFA), Ms YANNAKOUĐAKIS
(ECR), Mr MEYER (GUE/NGL), Mr SALAVRAKOS (EFD) and Ms WERTHMANN (Non-
attached);
- approved, in principle, the calendar of meetings and visits for 2010 as proposed, in line
with relevant rules in force, while inviting the Contact Group to furnish further information
to the Conference of Presidents with regard to the programmes for these visits.
20.2 High-Level Contact Group for relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community

The Conference of Presidents

- heard Mr SCHULZ, Chair of the S&D Group, raise various issues relating to the work of the High-Level Contact Group for relations with the Turkish Cypriot community in the Northern part of the island of Cyprus;
- heard the President, in response,
  o invite the Conference of Presidents to reaffirm the existing mandate of the High Level Contact Group and express its full confidence in Vice-President ROUCEK in his role as Coordinator of the Group;
  o propose that the Conference return to this matter at the meeting of 16 June, on the basis of a report from Vice-President ROUCEK, who was due to lead a delegation to the northern part of the island on 9 and 10 June;
- endorsed the President's proposal.
B. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

6. An exchange of views with Mr ROUCEK, Vice-President and coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island

The Conference of Presidents
- noted the following documents:
  - a letter dated 25 March 2010 from Mr ROUCEK (PE 439.791/CPG);
  - a revised mandate, drawn up by the Political Group Coordination Unit, for the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island (429.147/CPG);
  - Extracts from the Decisions of the Conference of Presidents of 6 May 2009, 22 October 2009 and 15 April 2010;
- heard Mr ROUCEK, Vice-President and Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group for relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern part of the Island (CYTR Contact Group), who reported back from the Contact Group's visit to the island on 9-10 June and its meetings with political leaders, diplomats, NGOs and academia in both parts of the island;
- heard Mr ROUCEK, who mentioned inter alia: i) various aspects of the work carried out by the High-Level Contact Group; ii) the relevance of the objectives contained in the mandate so as to conduct a constructive and fruitful dialogue, and iii) the importance of consensual approach within the High-Level Contact Group;
- held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr DAUL, Chair of the EPP Group, Mr SCHULZ, Chair of the S&D Group, Mr VERHOFSTADT, Chair of the ALDE Group, Mr COHN-BENDIT, Co-Chair of the Greens/EFA Group, Mr KIRKHOPE, acting Chair of the ECR Group, Mr BISKY, Chair of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr SPERONI, Co-Chair of the EFD Group, and Mr LEHNE, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs, who noted:
  - Mr ROUCEK's considerable experience in both the field of external relations and as a
consensus builder;
• the importance of creating a bridge between the Parliament and the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern part of the Island;
• that the guiding principle for contact with the Turkish Cypriot community in the Northern part of the island was to base itself on the contact group mandate and on the United Nations' resolutions on the matter;
• the clear intention of the mandate of the High-Level Contact Group was that it should proceed through consensus-based decision making, avoiding resort to voting;
• the right of the Coordinator, according to the mandate, to brief European Parliament committees, as appropriate;
- requested the JURI Committee, as the competent organ of the Parliament, to pronounce on the appropriate choice of the legal basis of a related legislative proposal referred to the Conference of Presidents by the Chair of the INTA Committee, Mr MOREIRA;
- decided to revert to the matter of the functioning of the High-Level Contact Group, as well as the related INTA Committee referral, at a forthcoming meeting, taking into account the relevant clarification by the JURI Committee.
High-level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the island (CYTR)

Work Programme for the year 2010

It is suggested to pursue the following objectives during the year 2010.

Ordinary meetings

Exchanges of views with all institutional interlocutors who support a settlement on the island or are involved in it:

- European Commission

  (Vice-President/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy)
  (Enlargement Commissioner and other Commissioners in charge of sectorial policies)
  (Cyprus Steering Group)
  (Commission President's personal Representative to the Good Offices Mission of the United Nations in Cyprus: Mr Leopold Maurer)

- Council Presidencies (Minister for Foreign and/or European Affairs)

- Council of Europe

  (Cypriot delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly including the Turkish-Cypriot observers)
  (rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee of the Assembly: Mr. Hörster, ...)

Contacts with representatives of the Turkish Cypriot Community

Invitations to various think-tanks dealing with the Cyprus problem
Delegations to Cyprus:

- meetings with the Turkish-Cypriot leadership and the different political parties;

- visit to different locations in the northern part of the island to assess the economic and social situation;

- briefings by the European Union Programme Support Office in the northern part of the island;

- take part in meetings under the auspices of the ambassador of Slovakia in Nicosia between the political parties of the two communities;

- meetings with the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP);

- meetings with actors of all sectors of the civil society in the Turkish-Cypriot community, in particular when engaged in bi-communal projects

- appropriate contacts with representatives of EU Member states, the Commission and the United Nations
## Ordinary meetings/visits calendar 2010

(adopted by the Conference of Presidents on 17 December 2009)

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(CYTR)

- The Secretariat -
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MEETING

Thursday 21 January 2010, from 09.00 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the Agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Exchange of views with Mr Andrew Rasbash, Head of Unit, Task Force Turkish Cypriot Community, DG Enlargement, European Commission

3. Discussion of the draft programme for the mission to Cyprus (2 - 5 February 2010)

4. Any other business
**High-Level Contact Group**

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**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**  

Wednesday 10 February 2010, from 15.00 till 16.00  
Strasbourg - Room WIC 200

AGENDA

*Meeting in camera (huis clos)*

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Exchange of views with Štefan FÜLE, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

3. Any other business
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MEETING

Thursday 11 February 2010, from 09.00 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Assessment of the recent visit to Cyprus (3 - 5 February 2010) and perspectives for the future work of the HLCGroup

3. Any other business
Annex 11

High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
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- The Secretariat -
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Meeting

Thursday 11 March 2010, from 09.00 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the Agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Date of the next visit of the Contact Group to Cyprus

3. Outline of a programme of the next visit of the Contact Group to Cyprus

4. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
(CYTR)

- The Secretariat -
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MEETING

Wednesday 28 April 2010, from 16.00 till 17.30
Brussels - Room ASP 3G-3

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the Agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Approval of a Coordinator's statement on behalf of the Contact Group following the election of the new leader of the Turkish Cypriot Community

3. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
(CYTR)

- The Secretariat -
  (VFNH/fd)

MEETING

Thursday 20 May 2010, from 8.30 till 10.00
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the Agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. European Forum Cyprus (EFC) - a joint European Commission / Council of Europe project: exchange of views with Mr Uwe Muller, political adviser (Directorate General of Democracy and Political Affairs [DGDAP])

3. Programme of the next visit of the Contact Group to Cyprus (9 to 11 June 2010).

4. Any other business
Annex 14

High-Level Contact Group
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(CYTR)

- The Secretariat -
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Meeting
Thursday 17 June 2010 09.00 - 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Assessment of the last visit to Cyprus (9 - 11 June 2010)

3. Report on the debate of the Conference of Presidents on 16 June 2010

4. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
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- The Secretariat -
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MEETING
Thursday 9 September 2010, from 09.00 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Organisation of works until the end of the year 2010

3. Next visit of the Contact Group to Cyprus (3 to 5 November 2010)

4. Any other business
**High-Level Contact Group**

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**MEETING**

**Wednesday 22 September 2010, from 15.00 till 16.30**

Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.1

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**AGENDA**

*Meeting in camera ( huis clos)*

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Exchange of views with:
   - Ms Afet Özcafer (National Unity Party [UBP])
   - Ms Sibel Siber (Republican Turkish Party [CTP])

3. Next visit of the Contact Group to Cyprus (3 to 5 November 2010)

4. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
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MEETING

Wednesday 20 October 2010, from 15.15 till 16.15
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

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AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Exchange of views with:
   - Mr Štefan Füle, Member of the European Commission in charge of
     Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

3. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
(CYTR)

- The Secretariat -
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MEETING

Thursday 21 October 2010, from 09.00 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Exchange of views with:
   - Ms Michaela Di Bucci, Head of Unit, Task Force Turkish Cypriot Community, European Commission, DG Enlargement A.3
   on the implementation of the "Green Line" regulation and of the instrument of financial support to the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot Community

3. Next visit of the Contact Group to Cyprus (3 to 5 November 2010)

4. Calendar of meetings and visits of the Contact Group and Work Programme for the year 2011

5. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
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MEETING

Thursday 25 November 2010, from 09.00 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Assessment of the last Contact Group's visit to Cyprus (3 to 5 November 2010) and last developments in the negotiations between the two communities

3. Annual report of the Contact Group: first exchange of views

4. Adoption of the calendar of meetings and visits of the Contact Group and of the Work Programme for the year 2011

5. Any other business
**High-Level Contact Group**

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- The Secretariat -

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**MEETING**

Thursday 16 December 2010, from 09.00 till 10.30

Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.2

**AGENDA**

*Meeting in camera (huis clos)*

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Contact Group's annual report (2010)
   - Exchange of views on the basis of a preliminary draft report.

3. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
Mission to Cyprus 2-6 February 2010
Programme

MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PARTICIPATING IN THE DELEGATION

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ECR: European Conservatives and Reformists
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Wednesday 3 February 2010

8.30-10.00h  Briefing by EU Ambassadors

10.30-12.30h  Meeting persons of the Civil Society and NGOs.

Greek Cypriot:
Mr Panicos Argyrides - Cyprus Youth Council, Ms Nadia Karayianni and Mr Michalis Avraam, Director of NGO Support Centre and Mr Grigoris Evanggelou and Ms Melina Menelaou - Federation of Environment and Ecological organisations.

Turkish Cypriot:
Mr Güven Varoğlu and Mr Şener Elcil - Cyprus Turkish Teacher’s Trade Union, Mr Can Yeşilada - Cypriot Youth Platform and Mr Tayfun Çağra and Mr Derviş Yüksel - Green Action Group.

Observer: Mr Alexander Von Lingen, President EquipEuropa

13.00-14.30h  Working lunch with President of the House of Representatives, Mr Marios Garoyian

14.30-18.30h  Meeting with Greek Cypriot political parties

14.45h  Mr Andros Kyprianou, Secretary General of AKEL (GUE/NGL)

15.30h  Ms Ioanna Panayiotou, Secretary General of the Cyprus Green Party (Greens)

16.15h  Mr Ricos Erotocritou, Parliamentary Spokesman of the European Party

17.00h  Mr Yiannakis Omirou, Chairman of Social-Democratic Movement EDEK (S&D)

17.45h  Mr Nicos Anastassiades, Chairman of Democratic Rally (EPP)

18.45h  Meeting with Mr Mehmet Ali Talat, Leader of the Turkish-Cypriot Community and Mr Özdil Nami, Special Representative in negotiations with the EU and UN
### Thursday 4 February 2010

**9.00-9.45h**  Meeting with Mr George Iacovou

**11.00h**  Meeting with Mr Alexander Downer (Special Adviser to the UN on Cyprus) and UN Special Representative Mr Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, Mr Leopold Maurer, (Special EU Advisor to Mr Downer - appointed by Mr Barroso)

**13.30-15.00h**  Working-Lunch with the Chairman of the Turkish-Cypriot Chamber of Commerce
Mr Günay Çerkez (hosted by the Chamber of Commerce)

**15.30-19.30h**  Meeting with Turkish Cypriot political parties

- **15.30h**  National Unity Party (UBP)
- **16.00h**  Republican Turkish Party (CTP)
- **16.30h**  Democrat Party (DP)
- **17.00h**  Communal Democracy Party (TDP)
- **17.30h**  Freedom and Reform Party (ORP)
- **18.00h**  United Cyprus Party (BKP) - non-parliamentary party
- **18.30h**  New Cyprus party (YKP) - non-parliamentary party - Mr Murat Kanatlı, General Secretary
- **19.00h**  Cyprus Socialist Party (KSP)
- **19.30h**  National Justice Party (MAP)

### Friday 5 February 2010

**8.00-9.00h**  Meeting with President Demetris Christofias

**9.15-10.30h**  Exchange of views and visit to the anthropological laboratory with the members of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus: Mr Christophe Girod, Mr Elias Georgiades and Ms Gülden Plümer Küçük

**10.45h**  Briefing at EU Support Office, with Ms Alessandra Viezzzer, Head of the Programme Team and Mr Ismo Ulvila, Administrator.

**12.30-13.30h**  Press Conference

**15.30 - 17.00h**  Visit to St George’s church (where Angeliki Yiasar - Kyrenias last Greek Cypriot still holds the keys to the church). Followed by Meeting with the "Mayor" of Kyrenia, Mr Sumer Aygin, and visit to some EU and UNDP funded projects.
ANNEX 22

High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island

Mission to Cyprus: 9-11 June 2010

Programme

EP Delegation Participants

MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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Wednesday 9 June 2010

8.00-10.00h  Briefing by EU Ambassadors

10.30 - 13.00h  Meeting with the representatives of Political parties from both sides under the auspices of the Slovak Ambassador

13.00h  Lunch with the H.E. Ana Tureničová, Ambassador of Slovakia to Cyprus

15.30 - 17.30h  Briefing at EU Support Office, with Ms Alessandra VIEZZER, Head of the Programme Team, Mr Ismo ULVILA, Administrator and Mr Peter Sandor, from the EC Representation office in Cyprus.

19.00 - 21.30h  Meeting with Mr Ahmet Yalçın Benli, T/C representative of Gönyeli/Kióneli, members of the civil society, local persons and NGOs, followed by dinner offered by Mr Ahmet Yalçın Benli.

Thursday 10 June 2010

09.30 - 11.15h  Meeting with Dr. Derviş Eroğlu, Leader of the Turkish-Cypriot Community and Mr Kudret Ozersay, Special Representative in negotiations with the EU and UN

11.30 - 13.30h  Roundtable discussion with students followed by a roundtable discussion with the rectors and teachers at the Near East University, Lefkosia/Lefkoşa (Nicosia)

14.00h  Lunch offered by Dr Günay Çerkez, of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce followed by a visit around their Chamber

16.30 - 17.30h  Meeting with Mr Mehmet Ali Talat, former Leader of the Turkish Cypriot Community

18.00 - 18.45h  Meeting with the Turkish Cypriot Orthopedic Association - presentation of EU funded project "Hold onto Life without Obstacles" - aiming at improving conditions of disabled people in rural areas.

19.00 - 20.00h  Roundtable discussion and presentation with the Civil Society Support Team office of the projects undertaken with EU funding for Civil Society. Discussion on the concerns over the new draft "law" on associations published 16 April 2010
Friday 11 June 2010

08.30 - 11.15h  Meeting with the Coordinator of the Good Offices of the UN, Mr. Yasser Sabra, and the Senior Political Affairs Officer and Deputy Coordinator, Ms. Elizabeth Solomo, and Mr Leopold MAURER, (Special EU Advisor to Mr Downer - appointed by Mr Barroso), this then followed by a short trip to the old Nicosia airport with Captain Tomas Dano, Military Public Information officer.

11.45 - 12.45h  Meeting with the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Christofias

13.00 - 13.30h  Press Conference at the Cyprus Community Media Centre (UN Buffer zone)

14.15 - 16.15h  Lunch and meeting with Turkish Cypriot Mayor of Ammochostos/Gazimağusa (Famagusta) and persons from civil society

16.15 - 19.30h  Transfer to Karpasia/Karpaz area- visit to the Basilica of Ayias Trias then to Komi Kepir/Büyükkonuk, an area of Eco Tourism in the northern part of the island and meet with two NGOs benefitting from EU funds.
ANNEX 23

High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
Mission to Cyprus 3-5 November 2010

PROGRAMME

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**Wednesday 3 November 2010**

Meeting with Alexander Downer, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on Cyprus and Ms Lisa M. Buttenheim, UNFICYP Chief of Mission and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General.

Discussion with Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot trade unions:
Mr Koral ASAM (Foreign Affairs) from DEV-İş (Federation of Revolutionary TC Workers), Ms Ayça Soygür Çıralı, Secretary - General and Mr Murat Obenler from BES (Municipalities and local authorities employees), and Mr Pambis Kyritsis, Secretary - General from PEO (Pancyprian Federation of Labour).

Discussion focussing on the Green Line Regulation with representatives of the Chambers of Commerce of the two communities: Dr Günay Çerkez, from the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce and Mr Manthos Mavrommatis, President and Mr. Leonidas Paschalides, Director for T/C Affairs, from the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Meeting with Dr. Derviş Eroğlu, Leader of the Turkish-Cypriot Community and Mr Kudret Özersay, Representative of the Leader of the Turkish Cypriot Community in the negotiations under UN auspices.

**Briefing by EU Ambassadors**

Dinner offered by the Chairman of the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Manthos Mavrommatis, with the participation of Mr Ekrem Demirtaş, Chairman of the İzmir Chamber of Commerce (Turkey)

**Thursday 4 November 2010**

**Arrive Limnitis/Yeşilirmak**

Stop at local coffee shop near the crossing and ask the views of the locals, accompanied by Mr Costas Michaelides, Community leader of Pyrgos, Mr. Ersoy Köycü, Mukhtar of Yeşilirmak/Limnitis and Mr Petar Kovachev, administrator from the EU support office, Nicosia.

Transfer from Limnitis/Yeşilirmak to Skouriotissa mining area for a power-point presentation by Mr Constantinos Xydas, under the auspices of Ana Tureničová, Ambassador of Slovakia to Cyprus, and with representatives of the two communities.

**Lunch offered by Ambassador Ana Tureničová in the forest area of Orkounta**

Official ceremony on the advancement of the bi-comunal Waste Water Treatment Plant at Mia Milia/Haspolat (Project funded by: the Sewerage Board of Nicosia & the European Union
and UNDP) in the presence of Ms Mavrou and Mr Bulutoğluları (the two mayors of Lefkosia/Lefkoşa (Nicosia)) and the UNDP

Lefkosia/Lefkoşa (Nicosia): Meeting with the Turkish Cypriot Medical Association

**Friday 5 November 2010**

Briefing and presentation by Ms Alessandra Viezzer, Head of the programme support team of the EU support office, with the participation of Mr Tasos Georgiou, Head of the EP Information Office and Ms Androulla Kaminara, Head of the Commission Representation.

Meeting with the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Christofias

Press Conference
Cyprus Community Media Centre (UN Buffer zone)

Transfer to Bellapais, Beylerbeyi/Belabayıs

Visit to Alagadi site, one of the six Natura 2000 projects known for its Loggerhead and Green turtle breeding site

Visit to Halevga/Alevkaya site, another Natura 2000 project (endemic plants/renovation of existing buildings)
## List of organisations and persons met

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Ms Sibel Siber (Republican Turkish Party [CTP]) 22/09/2010 (STR)

**Turkish Cypriot economical and social representation**

Mr Günay Çerkez, Chairman of the Turkish-Cypriot Chamber of Commerce 04/02/2010 (CY), 10/06/2010 (CY), 03/11/2010 (CY)
Mr Güven Varoğlu, Cyprus Turkish Teacher's Trade Union 03/02/2010 (CY)
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Mr Koral Asam (Foreign Affairs) from DEV-İş (Federation of Revolutionary TC Workers) 03/11/2010 (CY)

**Civil Society and NGOs**

Mr Can Yeşilada - Cypriot Youth Platform 03/02/2010 (CY)
Mr Tayfun Çağra, Green Action Group 03/02/2010 (CY)
Mr Derviş Yüksel, Green Action Group 03/02/2010 (CY)
Mr Bülent Kanol, the Management Centre 10/06/2010 (CY)
Ms Yılmaz Işılay , KAYAD (Association of Women to Support Living) 10/06/2010 (CY)
Mr Sahir Doğan , Green Action Peace 10/06/2010 (CY)
Mr Emine Çolak, Turkish Cypriot Human Rights Foundation 10/06/2010 (CY)
Mr Mehmet Erdoğan, civil society representative 10/06/2010 (CY)
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Statement on behalf of
the High-Level Contact Group of the European Parliament for Relations with the
Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island (of Cyprus)

The High-Level Contact Group takes note of the result of the recent election to the Turkish Cypriot Leadership.

It commends the efforts made by the outgoing Leader, Mr Mehmet Ali Talat, for reaching a solution to the Cyprus problem and very much hopes that the new Leader, Mr Derviş Eroğlu, will continue the intercommunal negotiations with a view to the reunification of the island along the parameters set out by the international community and adhered to by all communities in Cyprus.

It looks forward to meeting the new Turkish Cypriot Leader when it comes to Cyprus for its second visit this year from 9 to 11 June 2010.

It reiterates its commitment to develop the dialogue with the political and socio-economic actors, as well as with civil society representatives of the Turkish Cypriot Community in order to actively support its rapprochement with and future full integration into the European Union.

Finally, it calls on all parties in Cyprus and on other stakeholders of the international community to facilitate as far as possible the achievement of a lasting solution to the current division of the island, which will be for the benefit of all Cypriot communities and the stability of the region.

Libor Rouček
Vice-President of the European Parliament
Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island

(28.4.2010)
High-level Contact Group for Relations
with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the island
(CYTR)

(as approved by the Conference of Presidents on 20 January 2011)

Work Programme for the year 2011

In the framework of the full implementation of the Group's mandate, as adopted on 22 October 2009 and reconfirmed in all its elements by the Conference of Presidents on 20 May 2010, the following objectives should be pursued during the year 2011:

Ordinary meetings

Exchanges of views with all institutional interlocutors who support a settlement on the island or are involved in it:

- European Council (President)

- Council Presidencies (Minister for Foreign and/or European Affairs)

- European Commission

  (Vice-President/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy)
  (Enlargement Commissioner and other Commissioners in charge of sectorial policies)
  (Task Force for the Turkish Cypriot Community)
  (Cyprus Steering Group)
  (Commission President's personal Representative to the Good Offices Mission of the United Nations in Cyprus: Mr Leopold Maurer)

- Council of Europe

  (Secretary General)
  (President of the Parliamentary Assembly)
  (Cypriot delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly including the Turkish-Cypriot observers)
  (rapporteur on Cyprus of the Political Affairs Committee of the Assembly)

Contacts with representatives of the Turkish Cypriot Community

Invitations to various think-tanks dealing with the Cyprus problem
Delegations to Cyprus:

- meetings with the Turkish-Cypriot leadership, the different political parties and the representatives of the socioeconomic actors;

- visits to different locations in the northern part of the island to assess the economic and social situation;

- briefings by the European Union Programme Support Office in the northern part of the island;

- take part in meetings and/or activities under the auspices of the ambassador of Slovakia in Nicosia between the political parties of the two communities;

- meetings with the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP);

- meetings with all sectors of the civil society in the Turkish-Cypriot community, in particular when engaged in bi-communal projects and fostering such activities;

- appropriate contacts with representatives of EU Member states, including the Republic of Cyprus, the Commission and the United Nations.