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

CYTR High-Level Contact Group

2011 ANNUAL REPORT
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On the basis of its renewed mandate\(^1\) as adopted by the Conference of Presidents on 22 October 2009 the Contact Group presented in February 2011 its first annual public written report covering the period of mid-2009 to end 2010.

This is the second such report, which gives an overview of 2011.

2011 was a crucial year for Cyprus, not only because of the global economic and financial crisis, which hit both parts of the island heavily, but also due to the continuation of reunification talks.

The Cypriot Leaders continued to meet in the framework of the new round of talks, launched in 2008 under the auspices of the United Nations, with a view to reaching a positive outcome and an overall settlement of the Cyprus problem within the shortest possible time frame. The negotiations in 2011 were conducted in a few different ways:

- 48 meetings of the two Leaders,
- numerous other contacts in-between their personal representatives and experts' teams,
- visits of the UN Secretary General's Special Adviser on Cyprus, Mr Alexander Downer, to the two Leaders separately.

These Cyprus based talks were followed by external efforts by the UN, namely:

- regular meetings between the UN Envoy Downer and international actors involved in the Cyprus problem, among them the Guarantor countries: Turkey, Greece and the United Kingdom;
- tripartite meetings of the UN Secretary General, Mr Ban Ki-moon with the two Leaders\(^2\);
- the UN Secretary General published three reports on the situation in Cyprus:
  - two\(^3\) concerning the renewal of the peacekeeping operation followed by Security Council resolutions\(^4\) extending the mandate of the UNFICYP,
  - and one specifically on its Good Offices Mission\(^5\).

\(^1\) See Annex 1
\(^2\) Three meetings were organised: two in Geneva (on 26 January and 7 July) and the last one to date in New York on 30 and 31 October.
\(^3\) on 31 May (S/2011/332) and on 30 November (S/2011/746)
\(^5\) on 8 August (S/2011/498)
I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Composition of the group

The Contact Group did not undergo any change in its composition in 2011\(^6\).

Meetings (with agendas attached\(^7\))

On the basis of its calendar of meetings and visits to Cyprus\(^8\) - and of its work programme\(^9\) - as approved by the Conference of Presidents respectively on 15 December 2010\(^{10}\) and on 20 January 2011\(^{11}\), the Contact Group held the following 13 meetings (updated calendar attached\(^{12}\)) and 2 visits to Cyprus (with programmes attached\(^{13}\)):

20 January (Strasbourg)
3 February (Brussels)
17 February (Strasbourg)
**1 to 3 March (Cyprus)**
10 March (Strasbourg)
24 March (Brussels)
5 April (Strasbourg)
12 May (Strasbourg)
9 June (Strasbourg)
15 September (Strasbourg)
29 September (Strasbourg)
12 October (Strasbourg)
**18 to 20 October (Cyprus)**
17 November (Strasbourg)
6 December (Brussels)

A list of all people met at the Group's meetings and in Cyprus is attached\(^{14}\).

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\(^6\) See Annex 2
\(^7\) See Annexes 8 to 20
\(^8\) See Annex 3
\(^9\) See Annex 4
\(^10\) See Annex 5
\(^11\) See Annex 6
\(^12\) See Annex 7
\(^13\) See Annexes 21 and 22
\(^14\) See Annex 23
II. THE SITUATION IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND AND OVERVIEW OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. Negotiations between the two Leaders

Negotiations between the two Leaders, Mr Demetris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus and Dr Derviş Eroğlu, Turkish Cypriot Leader, have entered their fourth year since the relaunching of the talks in March 2008. At the end of 2011 the UN Secretary General invited the Leaders to meet him in New York by the end of January 2012, with a view to closing all internal aspects of a Cyprus settlement and following this being able to convene an international conference on the external aspects of the problem.

The Contact Group has met the two Leaders, Dr Eroğlu (and in his absence his personal representative, Mr Özersay) and President Christofias, during each of its two visits to the island. The Contact group has observed an increasing disappointment in the lack of progress between the two sides.

On the occasion of its two visits to the island in 2011 the Contact Group was briefed on the pace of the negotiations by Mr Downer and Ms Buttenheim, the Head of UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

While real progress has been made on several internal aspects, including the economy, EU matters and security, much remains to be done in the field of governance, property, territory and citizenship.

In this phase of the talks, the UN is playing a reinforced role through proxy talks aimed at reducing the gaps between the two sides and so making convergences possible.

The European Union is also closely associated with the UN Good Offices Mission through Mr César das Neves, Personal Representative of the European Commission President. He advises on all EU related aspects, so that in the event of a solution a smooth lifting of the suspension of the *acquis communautaire* in the northern part of the island can take place. He met the Contact Group on 6 December 2011, in Brussels.

2. The political parties

The Contact Group met the representatives of the political parties of both communities during its two visits to Cyprus; each time in the framework of the regular dialogue held under the auspices of the Slovak Embassy, which it would like to praise for both its initiative and endeavours to bring closer the decision makers on the island. These meetings took place in March in Larnaca, where the main topic of discussion was xenophobia and racism\(^{15}\) (following some incidents which took place in Cyprus against immigrants and among Cypriots from both Communities) and in Nicosia in October.

\[^{15}\text{See joint communiqué in Annex 24}\]
3. Bi-communal activities under the auspices of the United Nations

The Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP)\(^{16}\) plays an outstanding role at the crossroads of both the pain of the past and the hope for a better future. The European Union is the main donor to the Committee (to date € 6.5 Mio) and it strongly intends to maintain its support in the future. The CMP members claimed that they are very capable of spending the funds granted to them by the EU and would be ready to speed up their work if additional funding was available. The delegation was informed that since the increased funding is provided from the EU budget, the EU Member States do not donate the CMP any more.

Furthermore, the European Parliament has strongly supported its activities in its written declaration of 9 June 2011\(^{17}\). The Contact Group has also pleaded with its Committee on Budgets\(^{18}\) for further funding to the CMP. During its October visit to Cyprus, the Group met the three Members of the Committee and had also the opportunity of exchanging views with relatives of the missing. These testimonies were very moving, as was the visit, which took place in February 2010, to the Anthropological Laboratory in charge of identifying the remains of the missing.

The Contact Group also met with some of the bi-communal Technical Committees established in the wake of the re-launching of the negotiations in 2008.

In March:

- the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, whose core activity is to compile a list of the entire immovable cultural heritage of Cyprus before engaging in restoration works, thanked the European Union for its financial assistance (€ 2 Mio allocated for 2011) and expressed the wish that some specific projects could also be supported
- the Technical Committee on the Environment, which focused its presentation on water management and fire prevention.

In October:

- the Technical Committee on Crime and Criminal Matters, which also deals with road safety, and addresses among others money laundering, trafficking of persons, smuggling and terrorism and its financing;
- the Technical Committee on Crisis Management, which tries to coordinate the fight against forests' fires and other natural disasters.

The Contact Group encourages the two parties to deepen their cooperation through these Committees, which demonstrate the need and benefit of solidarity between and for the two communities on the island.

\(^{16}\) See [www.cmp-cyprus.org](http://www.cmp-cyprus.org) for more information on the Committee's work and activities

\(^{17}\) See Annex 25

\(^{18}\) See Annex 26
4. Monitoring of the implementation of EU instruments

The European Commission has continued to implement the two regulations concerning trade across the Green Line (adopted by the Council on 29 April 2004) and the financial assistance to the Turkish Cypriot Community (adopted by the Council on 27 February 2006).

EU financial assistance programme

By the end of 2009 the contracting period of the € 259 Mio package agreed on in 2006 was completed, while payments had reached around 70% of the total amount granted to the Turkish Cypriot Community.

In order to avoid any disruption in the aid to the northern part of the island the 2011 EU budget provided for an additional amount of € 25 Mio, supplemented by € 3 Mio voted by the European Parliament. This was allocated to the Committee on Missing Persons and the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage.

The same amounts were again adopted in the framework of the 2012 EU budget. It has to be noted that for the time being no new multiannual financial programme has been proposed by the Commission, since this could be seen as inappropriate with regard to the settlement talks. However, such a situation doesn’t help ensure a sound programming and financial management.

Among the projects which were advancing well this year under the aid programme is the completion of the replacement of asbestos pipes in the main cities of the northern part of the island and good progress in the field of solid waste management (new landfill site operational by the end of the year). 90 grants were also awarded in the framework of the Scholarship Programme 2011/2012.

The Contact Group would once again like to praise the work of the EU Programme Support Office in Cyprus, which has to operate in a very difficult political and economic environment.


"Green Line" regulation

No major developments have occurred concerning the implementation of the “Green Line regulation”, especially with regard to the difficulties identified in the previous Contact Group’s annual report and in the last Commission report covering the period 1 May until 31 December 2011 [COM(2011)284].

The last available figures of trade exchanges in 2011 across the Green Line amounted to [€ 27,343,329 Mio], 80% of it being exceptionally constituted by the electricity supply from the northern to the southern part of the island.

5. Civil society
The first half of 2011 has been characterized in the northern part of the island by mass demonstrations (notably on 28 January and on 5 March), which were primarily caused by an economic reform package that the Turkish Cypriot authorities were planning to impose under strong pressure from Turkey, on which they are heavily dependent for financial support.

Because of this reality these demonstrations took at times an anti-Turkish aspect and also revealed the growing uneasiness of the Turkish Cypriots, who claim to be outnumbered by settlers from Turkey. According to Turkish Cypriots this feeling of marginalisation is also valid for the political process.

**Trade unions**

Following the social unrest, which continued for most of the year, the Contact Group had contact with the Turkish Cypriot trade unions on several occasions. The unrest was characterised by demonstrations of an unknown scale since the rallies at the time of the Annan Plan.

It met the Turkish Cypriot Trade Union Platform both in Cyprus and in Brussels (on 24 March) and heard its claims, which according to them actually went well beyond the consequences of the Three-year Economic Protocol of Cooperation between Turkey and the so-called TRNC granted by Turkey to the northern part of the island. Most of the demonstrators also criticized what they felt as a far too intrusive influence of Turkey on the internal affairs of the Turkish Cypriot Community. This was reflected in the manifesto the Platform handed over to the Contact Group.\(^\text{19}\)

**Education**

The Contact Group had an interesting meeting in March with the United Cyprus Teachers Platform, where it noticed certain convergences in the assessment of the Cyprus problem.

It also visited two schools in the southern part of Nicosia:

- the Phaneromeni School in March, where mostly immigrants' children are given tuition;
- and the English School in October, where Cypriots from both communities and immigrants’ children work for a better common future, and where the Contact Group attended an award ceremony of the *Euroscola* Programme, in which both Greek and Turkish Cypriots students participated.

**Health**

In March, as a follow-up to its contact during 2010, the Contact Group met with the medical sector of the northern part of the island. Representatives of the medical professions from the two communities explained the various actions already engaged in at bi-communal level for the benefit of the patients. The Technical Committee on Health Matters have been fostering these actions since 2008.

Ambulances from both sides are now able to cross the Green Line and a common data bank for organs' donation has also been established.

\(^{19}\) See Annex 27.
For its part the Turkish Cypriot Medical Association deplored that it was not recognised internationally like the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce even though it had been established in 1956, thus even before the independence of the Republic of Cyprus.

The Greek Cypriot members of the Technical Committee on Health (not representing at the meeting the Medical Association of Cyprus), explained that the Cyprus Medical Association had proposed to the Turkish Cypriots in the medical profession to participate in a common Cyprus delegation which was not accepted by the Turkish Cypriots.

Written press

The Contact Group had an exchange of views in October with representatives of the Turkish Cypriot press, namely from the daily newspapers Havadis and Kıbrıs, who complained about the functioning of democracy in the northern part of the island and the fear in which they had to work. They also criticized at the same time the embargoes imposed by the international community and in particular the European Union, saying that the Turkish Cypriot Community was the wrong target.

The Contact Group also met the Editor-in-Chief of Afrika, Mr Sener Levent, who has on several occasions, been subject to attacks and who expressed serious concerns about the human rights situation and the freedom of expression in the northern part of Cyprus.

Civil society organisations

During the visit to Cyprus in October, the Contact Group met researchers of the bi-communal NGO Inter-Peace, which conducts opinion polls within the two communities in the framework of the project Cyprus 2015 aimed at demonstrating the benefits of a settlement for all the people of Cyprus.

It also had a meeting in Strasbourg with the Turkish Cypriot London-based Non Governmental Organisation “Embargoed!”, which explained its action for the lifting of what it perceives as the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot Community and how to solve it.

During the meetings with representatives from the civil society many issues were raised and points made including the following:

- the rapidly changing demography in the northern part. These demographic changes could lead to a permanent separation of the island if no settlement is reached in a very near future. Due to the influx of settlers, the Turkish Cypriots who seem to be willing to live in one country with Greek Cypriots, became a minority in the northern part of the island. With regard to the settlers, they are considered to be against a common state;

- "embargoes" placed on the northern part of the island have substantial impact on its economy resulting in dependence for funding from Turkey;

- the property issue remains a central element for Cypriots in all discussions about the future of the island;

- participations of Turkish Cypriot sports men and women in international competitions remains a problem;

- the level of trade through the Green Line Regulation remains low due to problems with the EU acquis and other restrictions being in place;
• British law introduced on the island in the colonial times ruled that homosexual acts be banned and treated as a criminal offense. While the relevant laws were abolished from the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus, they continue to apply in the northern part;
• the Contact Group is insufficiently in contact with the elected political representatives of the northern part of the island for information and discussion.

III. PERSPECTIVES FOR 2012

The Contact Group strongly encourages the two communities to make every effort to reach an overall settlement in the months to come.

1. An agreement has already been reached in the talks that mining resources shall belong to the future common federal state. This potential wealth may be very useful for contributing financially to all aspects of the settlement. The perspective of the exploration and exploitation of any possible gas and hydrocarbons in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Cyprus could serve as an incentive to form a solution of the Cyprus problem including reunification and a common future for the island.

2. It calls on both parties to make the remaining necessary compromises in view of the next tripartite meeting with the UN Secretary General early in 2012. The fact that the Republic of Cyprus will assume for the first time from July 2012 onwards the six-month presidency of the Council of the European Union may further encourage progress towards a solution. The reunification of the island at such an important time would have a great symbolic value and could serve as an example for other crisis places in the region.

3. As time goes by it will become more and more difficult to solve the various aspects of the problem. One of them is the growing number of settlers on the island, where Turkish citizens already represent the majority of the population. This is why it is of crucial importance to conduct reliable censuses\textsuperscript{20} and to build upon them for adopting appropriate solutions accepted by the two communities.

4. Secondly, the longer the current division prevails, more and more Cypriots will have no direct memory or experience of living in a united country. Therefore particular efforts should be paid to engage youth and students on both sides in favour of a solution and the High Level Contact Group will explore further ways to support such efforts in 2012.

5. The Contact Group very much hopes that 2012 will see the Turkish Cypriot Community become fully integrated into the European Union following a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem, and in particular that Turkish Cypriot Members will enter the European Parliament.

6. During 2012 the Contact Group will work in accordance with its mandate and adapt its work programme to the developments of the situation on the ground. It will reinforce its dialogue with all sectors of the Turkish Cypriot Community, while preparing and helping them to quickly match the requirements of full membership of the Union through reunification with particular emphasis on the economic integration of the island and on improving contact between the two communities and with the EU.

\textsuperscript{20} A census has just been conducted by the Turkish Cypriot authorities in the northern part of the island on 4 December 2011, but its complete results will not be available before months and some also question its reliability.
As far as its own role is concerned, the Contact Group will endeavour the following:

1. Further encourage common work between the two communities; assist and further promote the work done by the various Technical Committees.

2. Request appropriate financial resources necessary to fulfil its mandate.

3. Well aware of the major role the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP) is playing in favour of the reconciliation and mutual understanding of the Cypriot Communities the Contact Group will insist with the members of the European Parliament and in particular with the Committee on Budgets, for support in continuing to grant the CMP with adequate funding (at least at the level of the 2012 budget allocation) in the years to come and in the context of the negotiations on the new multiannual financial framework\textsuperscript{21}.

4. Convey unequivocally the message that difficulties caused by the continuing division of the island can be solved through a comprehensive solution.

\textsuperscript{21} A letter requesting the support was sent to the Committee on Budgets on 13 December 2011 (205428): see Annex 26.
**ANNEX 1**

**Mandate for the high-level contact group for relations with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the island**

**Amended mandate**

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.

(22.10.2009)
ANNEX 2

High-level contact group for relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the northern part of the island (CYTR)

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**High-level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the island (CYTR)**
*(as adopted by the Conference of Presidents on 15 December 2010)*

**Ordinary meetings/visits calendar 2011**

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(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.
15. Draft 2011 calendar of meetings, visits and work programme 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

- noted the following documents:
  - a letter dated 3 December 2010, Mr ROUCEK, Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot community in the northern part of the island, on the above-mentioned subject (PE 455.328/CPG, financial statement and programme);
  - mandate of the HLCG (PE 362.122/REV3/CPG);
- took note of the letter from Mr ROUCEK, Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot community in the Northern part of the Island, submitting the Contact Group’s draft 2011 calendar of meetings and visits to Cyprus and its draft work programme for 2011;
- heard the President who introduced the item, expressed his support and appreciation for Mr ROUCEK in his important work - having invited him to join him on his own official visit to Cyprus in October;
- heard the President note that the second visit envisaged in the calendar (28-30 June 2011) would be subject to developments on the ground and decided by the Group in due time;
- held a short exchange of views on the matter, with the participation of Mr DAUL, Chair of the EPP Group, Mr SCHULZ, Chair of the S&D Group and Mr COHN-BENDIT, Co-Chair of the Greens/EFA Group;
- heard Mr DAUL, Chair of the EPP Group, who noted that the programme in question did not include any meetings with Greek-Cypriot representatives and that appropriate balance would need to be respected. - endorsed the draft calendar of meetings and visits to Cyprus, on the understanding that the activities are fully in line with its mandate, and referred to a next meeting the approval of the draft work programme for 2011.
ANNEX 6

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12. Revised 2011 programme of the High Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island (CYTR) - Letter from Mr ROUCEK, Vice-President and Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group

The Conference of Presidents, without debate,

- noted the following documents:
  - two letters dated 3 and 16 December 2010 from Mr ROUCEK, Chair of the High Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island (CYTR), on the above-mentioned matter (PE 455.328/CPG and annexes);
  - the mandate of the High Level Contact Group (PE 362.122/REV3/CPG);
- took note of the letter from Mr ROUCEK, Coordinator of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot community in the Northern part of the Island, submitting the Contact Group's draft work programme for 2011;
- approved the above-mentioned draft work programme for 2011, on the understanding that the activities are fully in line with its mandate.
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**List of meetings/visits held in 2011**

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**Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 March**

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

MEETING
Thursday 20 January 2011, from 09.30 till 11.00
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator.
3. Preparation of the Contact Group's next visit to Cyprus (1 - 3 March 2011).
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 -

MEETING

Thursday 3 February 2011, from 08.00 till 09.00
Brussels - Room ASP 5G2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator.

2. Contact Group's 2010 annual report:
   - (possibly) adoption.

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

- The Secretariat -

MEETING

Thursday 17 February 2010, from 09.00 till 11.00
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

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AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. 2010 Annual Report
   - continuation of examination of a draft and (possibly) adoption

3. Preparation of the Contact Group's next visit to Cyprus (1 - 3 March 2011).

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 -

MEETING

Thursday 10 March 2011, from 09.30 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator
2. 2010 Annual Report
3. Assessment of the last Contact Group's visit to Cyprus (1 to 3 March 2011)
4. Group's activities in the months to come
5. Any other business
High-Level Contact Group
for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island
(CYTR)

- The Secretariat -

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 24 March 2011, from 08.30 till 10.00
Brussels - Room ASP 5G3

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Exchange of views with a delegation of the Turkish Cypriot Trade Union Platform

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 -

MEETING

Tuesday 5 April 2011, from 17.15 till 18.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW N3.5

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AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Group’s activities in the months to come

3. (from 17.45) Exchange of views with:
   - Mr Štefan Füle, Member of the European Commission in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

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 -

MEETING
Thursday 12 May 2011, from 09.30 till 11.00
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

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

3. Group's activities in the months to come

4. Any other business
ANNEX 15

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

- The Secretariat -

MEETING
Thursday 9 June 2011, from 09.30 till 11.00
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

CYTR(2011)0609_1
PE456.375

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Exchange of views with:
   - Mr Richard CORBETT, Member of Cabinet of the President of the European Council

3. Next Contact Group's agendas and activities

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

- The Secretariat -

MEETING
Thursday 15 September 2011, from 09.30 till 11.00
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

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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 a representative of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

3. Next Contact Group's visit to Cyprus (18 till 20 October 2011)

4. Any other business
ANNEX 17

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

- The Secretariat -

MEETING
Thursday 29 September 2011, from 09.30 till 11.00
Strasbourg - Room LOW S4.4

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Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator
2. Exchange of views with "Embargoed!", London-based Turkish Cypriot NGO
3. Next Contact Group's visit to Cyprus (18 till 20 October 2011)
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 -

MEETING

Wednesday 12 October 2011, from 14.00 till 15.00
Brussels - Room ASP 5G2

AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator

2. Exchange of views with:
   - Mr Dimitris Kourkoulas, Director for Enlargement policy and communication, European Commission, DG Enlargement (Directorate A)

3. Next Contact Group's visit to Cyprus (18 till 20 October 2011)

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

- The Secretariat -

MEETING

Thursday 17 November 2011, from 09.00 till 10.30
Strasbourg - Room LOW N1.3

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AGENDA

Meeting in camera (huis clos)

1. Adoption of the agenda and announcements by the Coordinator
2. Assessment and follow-up to the last Contact Group's visit to Cyprus (18.-20.10.2011)
3. 2011 Annual Report
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 -

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
Tuesday 6 December 2011, from 14.00 till 15.00
Brussels - Room ASP 5G2

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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 Mr Jorge César das Neves, Personal Representative of the European Commission President, Mr Barroso, to the United Nations Good Offices Mission in Cyprus

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 1-3 March 2011
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NI: Non-attached

Tuesday 1 March 2011

08.30 Briefing with EU Ambassadors
Venue: Akamas Room, Hilton Hotel

10.30 Meeting Ms Lisa M. Buttenheim, UNFICYP Chief of Mission and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Mr. Yasser Sabra, Coordinator of the Good Offices of the UN
Venue: UN Good Offices Mission, Buffer Zone (old Nicosia airport)

12.30 Meeting with Mr Kudret Özersay, Representative of the Leader of the Turkish Cypriot Community in the negotiations under UN auspices.
Venue: Dr Eroğlu's office Address: Kyrenia Gate, Lefkosia/Lefkoşa (Nicosia)

13.30 Working session at the EU support office with two short DVD presentations: an EU funded documentary on the Committee on Missing Persons and, on civil society projects funded under the Aid Programme.

15.45 Meeting with representatives from the medical profession with the participation of Dr Andreas Demitriou, Dr Stavros Stavrou, Dr Chrysanthos Georgiou and Dr Papadouris Alkis for the Greek Cypriot Community and Dr.Suphi Hudaoğlu, Head of the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association with Dr Hüseyin Biçak, Dr Kandemir Berova, Dr Erol Uçaner Dr.Kenan Arifoğlu, and Ms Sherry Holbrook, UN representative.
Venue: Ledra Palace

17.00 Meeting with the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Christofias
Venue: Presidential Palace
18.15 Meeting with the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, with the participation of Ms Athina Papadopoulou for the Greek Cypriot Community, Mr Ali Tuncay for the Turkish Cypriot community and Jennifer Wright, UN facilitator for the Technical Committee.
Venue: Ledra Palace

Wednesday 2 March 2011

08.45 Meeting with the Technical Committee on Environment, with the participation of Mr Costas Kadis and Mr Michalis Loizides for the Greek Cypriot Community, Mr Serap Öztürk for the Turkish Cypriot Community and Nicholas Jarraud, UN facilitator for the Committee.
Venue: Ledra Palace

10.30 Visit to Phaneromeni School (kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools)
Welcome by the Headmaster, followed by a musical presentation given by the multi-national students of the school. Tour and discussion with teachers and students.
Venue: Nicosia

12.30 Lunch offered by a member of the Parents association

15.00 Arrival at Bedestan
Meeting with Tiziana Zennaro from UNDP and visit to the Bedestan (originally a small sixth-century Byzantine church) Lefkosia/Lefkoşa (Nicosia) - a cultural heritage restoration project implemented by the UNDP funded by EU. This project received the Europa Nostra prize as the first project carried out in the northern part of the island, and was inaugurated in November 2009 followed by a visit to the Municipal Market also under restoration under guidance of UNDP and with EU funding.

Briefing on the implementation of the EU assistance programme to the Turkish Cypriot Community by Ms Alessandra Viezzer, Head of the programme support team of the EU support office

17.00 Meeting with members of the United Cyprus Teachers Platform, Mr Şener Elcil and Mr Güven Varoğlu for the Turkish Cypriot community and Ms Maria Mavrada, Mr Pavlos Pavlou and Mr Christos Christou for the Greek Cypriot community
Venue: KKTOS, 1 Sair Nedim Sokak, Çağlayan, Nicosia
Thursday 3 March 2011

09.30   Depart to Larnaca

Participation in bi-communal event organised by H.E. Ana Tureničová, Ambassador of Slovakia to Cyprus, with representatives of the political parties from the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities and with the Mayor of Larnaca
Visit to Hala Sultan Tekke Mosque and Saint Lazaros Church in Larnaca

Followed by a discussion on combating racism and xenophobia
Venue: Larnaca Municipal Cultural Centre.

Lunch offered by the Municipality of Larnaca
High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot Community in the Northern Part of the Island

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Tuesday 18 October 2011

08.30-09.45 Briefing with EU Ambassadors

10.15-11.15 Meeting with Mr Alexander Downer, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary General on Cyprus and Ms. Lisa Buttenheim, UNFICYP Chief of Mission and Special Representative of the UN Secretary General [UNPA]

11.45-13.00 Meeting with the three Members of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus [Home for Cooperation]

13.45-15.30 Meeting with relatives of the missing persons [Home for Cooperation]

15.45-17.15 Meeting with T/C journalists, Mr Hasan Hastürer (HAVADIS), Mr Mete Tümerkan (HAVADIS) and Mr Serhat Incirli (KIBRIS) [EU Programme Support Office (EUPSO)]

19.00-19.30 Meeting with Mr Demetris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus [Presidential Palace]
Wednesday 19 October 2011

09.15-10.30  Briefing on the implementation of the assistance programme to the Turkish Cypriot Community by the European Commission Task Force for the Turkish Cypriot Community [EUPSO]

10.45-13.30  Meeting with the representatives of political parties from both sides under the auspices of the Slovak Ambassador, H. E. Ana Tureničová [Ledra Palace]

14.45-16.00  Meeting with the Turkish Cypriot Trade Union Platform [EUPSO] (see attachment)

16.15-17.15  Meeting with the bi-communal Technical Committee on Crime and Criminal Matters [Ledra Palace]

17.15-18.15  Meeting with the bi-communal Technical Committee on Crisis Management [Ledra Palace]

18.30-19.45  Meeting with Mr Sener Levent, Editor-in-Chief of Afrika Newspaper [Afrika's premises]

Thursday 20 October 2011

08.30-09.45  Visit at the English School Nicosia and Euroscola award ceremony to G/C and T/C students

10.15-11.15  Meeting with Dr. Derviş Eroğlu, Leader of the Turkish-Cypriot Community [Mr Eroğlu's office]

11.30-12.00  Press conference [CCMC]

12.15-13.00  Meeting with NGO “Inter-Peace”

13.00-17.15  Transfer and visit to the bi-communal village of Potamia
## List of organisations and persons met

### Turkish Cypriot Community

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- Jennifer Wright, UN facilitator for the Technical Committee
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ANNEX 24

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

The Leaders and Representatives of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot political parties together with the MEPs of the High-Level Group with the Turkish-Cypriot Community of the European Parliament visited today the Hala Sultan Tekke Mosque and the Saint Lazaros Church in Larnaca.

This symbolic political visit organized by the Embassy of the Slovak Republic aims at demonstrating the decisiveness for respecting the cultural inheritance of our people, Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots. These monuments are part of our civilization. The town of Larnaca is an example of this co-existence and must remain such.

Political parties also met with the Mayor of Larnaca Mr Andreas Moyseos and Members of the Municipal Council. They have jointly addressed the issue of xenophobia and racism.

We declare that xenophobia and racism especially when interlinked with extreme nationalism form a very dangerous mixture of violence which undermines peaceful co-existence and social progress. Furthermore, it does not solve the existing but rather creates more new problems.

Cyprus has historically been at the crossroads of civilization and the people are very familiar with the notions of friendship and solidarity. These principles continue to guide the policies of the political parties. The same principles guide the U.N. Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Union's Treaties.

The political parties condemn any form of rhetoric that ends up with violence. The only way for solving problems is peaceful dialogue.

Larnaca, 3 March 2011.
Work of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus

Declaration of the European Parliament of 9 June 2011 on the work of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas during the 1963-1964 intercommunal fighting, and thereafter with the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus, around 2000 individuals from both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities were reported as missing,

B. whereas the whereabouts and fate of many of these individuals are still unknown,

C. whereas the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP), which is supported financially by the United Nations, the European Commission and other donors, works to establish the fate of those reported missing,

1. Fully endorses the work of the CMP and recognises its post-conflict role in promoting truth, remembrance and reconciliation in Cyprus;

2. Calls on the European Commission to continue to allocate sufficient resources to the CMP to enable it to fulfil its important mandate;

3. Calls on the Governments of Turkey and Cyprus to continue to support the CMP's work, to redouble efforts to account for those individuals still listed as missing and to ensure that all information that could facilitate the mission of the CMP is made freely available to it;

4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories¹, to the Council, the Commission, the parliaments of the Member States and the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus.

¹ The list of signatories is published in Annex 2 to the Minutes of 9 June 2011 (P7_PV-PROV(2011)06-09(ANN2)).
High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish-Cypriot community in the northern part of the island

The Coordinator


Mr. Alain LAMASSOURE
President of the Committee on Budgets
European Parliament
ASP - 13E205
Brussels

Dear Mr Lamassoure,

We would like to address you as Members of the High-Level Contact Group for Relations with the Turkish Cypriot Community in the northern part of the Island.

During our last visit to Cyprus we met on 18 October the three Members of the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP), who informed us about the Committee's activities and their financing.

The Committee's Members warmly thanked the European Union - and in particular the European Parliament as its budgetary authority - for its continuing and increasing support but also pointed out that bilateral donations from individual EU Members States were practically stopped.

As underlined by the declaration adopted by our Parliament on 9 June 2011, the work of the CMP is of the utmost importance and as time goes by it needs to enhance its activities with all the supplementary financial needs incurred.

Taking into account the major role the CMP is playing in favour of the reconciliation and mutual understanding of the Cypriot Communities, we would like to plead to the members of your Committee for support in granting the CMP with adequate funding (at least at the level of the 2012 budget allocation) in the years to come and in the context of the negotiations on the new multiannual financial framework.

Best regards,

Libor Rouček, Coordinator
Graham Watson
Franziska Keller
Nicholas Stylianou

Francisco Grosseéte, Deputy Coordinator
Marina Yannakoudaki
Willy Meyer
Angelika Werthmann
The Truth of Cyprus and the Current Developments

The 'Platform' formed by 28 trade unions with aims of eliminating the deadlock on the Cyprus problem; establishing the United Federal Cyprus within the framework of UN parameters; realising self-governance by the Turkish Cypriots and ensuring respect for democracy, human rights and for labour in the land, has been continuing its struggle for many years.

All Cypriots suffer as a result of the unresolved Cyprus problem. Because of the failure of the Turkish Cypriot leadership, the Turkish Cypriot community have been regarded as the side which was "against" the solution. Between 2002-2004, the Turkish Cypriot community has been giving a continuous struggle and gathered several trade unions, organizations, institutions and political parties together. With their determination, they impeded the leadership of that period, put the solution plan of the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to hold a referendum and provided our community to vote %65 YES for the referendum. In particular, we, Turkish Cypriots feel trapped between the Greek Cypriot administration who is unwilling to share the Republic of Cyprus with us and Turkey that strives to colonise north of the island. Even though Cyprus as a whole became a member of the European Union since 2003 and Turkish Cypriots attained EU citizenship, the suspension of Acquis communautaire in the north has left us in the lurch. Our continued exclusion from the EU Customs Union is preventing the growth of our economy and is forcing the youth in north to vacate the island, while it is increasing our dependence on Turkey and bringing us face to face with communal annihilation.

Since Greek Cypriot administration does not want to share the Republic of Cyprus with us, we are unable even to use our basic citizenship rights of electing and being elected that exist in the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus. On the other hand, Turkey is working to colonise the north of the island. And currently, with the agreements of the UBP Government in the north of Cyprus with Turkey, the purchase power of the workers is tried to be eliminated, the wages and salaries are decreased and our trade union and collective bargaining rights are tried to be eliminated and discarded. The events following the intervention of Turkey as a guarantor power to protect the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and to re-establish the constitutional order after the coup organised in Cyprus by the Greek Junta in 1974, are unacceptable. Not only has Turkey failed to respect the international agreements, she has also brought the Turkish Cypriots to the verge of extinction as a result of its policies and practices since the 1974 intervention. Names of many Turkish Cypriot individuals, as well as names of towns, villages and roads in the north have been changed. Our education system has been restructured and harmonised with the education system in Turkey. Such examples lay bare the assimilationist policies of Turkey. Villages in the Karpas Peninsula have been given the names of some Turkish cigarette brands while Turkish Cypriots have been forcibly required to get surnames.

Acting with the zeal and mentality of conquerors, vast populations have been brought over from Turkey to North Cyprus and have been given citizenships, thereby usurping the political will of the Turkish Cypriots. Turkish Cypriots have effectively become a minority in their own country because of the population brought over from Turkey. While the current population in the north of the island is not known with any certainty, and the official figures released are highly distorted, we estimate that there are around 130 thousand Turkish Cypriots and the total population is over 500 thousand. According to the Union of Bakers, 810 thousand loaves of bread are produced daily; there are 400 thousand registered vehicles and 450 thousand mobile phone subscribers. The Separatist puppet regimes established by Turkey in the north of the island, continue to prevent the holding of a genuine census under the supervision of international observers. Such a large increase in our population has created a serious burden on our budgets for education, health and social areas. It is also causing an increase in the unofficial/unregistered economy and has created a large body of non-unionised workforce. Moreover, crime rates in the north have risen to levels never seen before in the history of Cyprus.

On the other hand, AKP government in Turkey has intensified its efforts to spread Sunni Islam on our island. In stark contrast to the 162 schools that exist in the north, there are 186 mosques and more are being
built. There is pressure from Turkey to build even more mosques and to include Quran course in our education system. To this end, clerics and financial resources are continually sent from Turkey to the north. These developments that are contrary to Turkish Cypriot culture, identity and tradition, are targeted at the assimilation and integration policies by Turkey. In the 21st Century, in a territory of the EU, colonisation and assimilation is being carried out right before the eyes of the modern world. After 1974, Turkish Cypriots who had to leave their properties in the south and Greek Cypriots who had to leave their properties in the north, have, in practice, lost their right to use their own properties. As a result of faulty policies, Greek Cypriots properties in the north of the island had been distributed to Turkish Cypriots and to the population brought over from Turkey, thus creating a terrible system of looting. These policies which are contrary to international law have left us in serious difficulties.

We also have serious environmental problems. Unsupervised rubbish landfills are releasing poisonous substances to their surroundings. On the other hand radioactive and carcinogenic materials that are not accepted into any other ports in the Mediterranean basin are regularly dumped in to the free port of Famagusta. Studies indicate that cancer incidences in the Famagusta district are very high.

Under the pretext of creating economic resources, casinos that were closed in Turkey were moved to the north of our island. Today all manners organised crime activities such as money laundering, drugs trafficking and women trade are carried out freely in the north. Nothing is being done about these activities that are being carried out on EU territory, right before the eyes of the EU!

The separatist political structures set up in the north of the island bear close resemblance to the Vichy government established in France during the Second World War. Through the activities of collaborationist governments, the Turkish Cypriot community have been kept repressed and suppressed. Our youth continue to leave the island because of political and economic reasons. Institutions belonging to the Turkish Cypriots are being handed over to companies from Turkey that are close to the Turkish government. Prime minister of Turkey openly declares that they have "strategic" interests in our Island. In spite of all these impositions we continue our struggle with determination. That we have the support of the Turkish Cypriot community is attested by the 80 thousand people that participated in our Meetings. Our community adopted and proclaimed the 13 principles listed below in these mass meetings of January 28 and March 2 in 2011. In this context we await your contributions for returning law and order to the EU land of Cyprus since 2003 and resolution of the Cyprus problem.

**PRINCIPLES OF THE TRADE UNIONS’ PLATFORM**

1. The Trade Unions’ Platform is an association of labour organizations for the purpose of protecting and developing the democratic, economic, and social and employee rights of its members. At the same time the Platform aims to overcome all political problems that stand in the way of “self-governance of the community” as well. However, the Platform has no intention to become the government.

2. There is no place for any organizations that are in support of policies and acts that are aiming the extinction of our community, such as those organisations supporting the “Immigration Act”.

3. The Platform supports the urgent solution of the Cyprus problem on the basis of United Nations resolutions, as well as the Turkish Cypriots taking their place in the international arena.

4. The will and the self-governance of the Turkish Cypriots to manage their own affairs must be respected.
5. The relations between Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots, must be based on mutual respect, and must be at the level of political equals. The present state of affairs based on logic of subservience to a master must be ended.

6. The Turkish Cypriots poses the knowledge, the skills and the potential in order to manage their own institutions. Based on this fact the governance of the Central Bank, the Civil Defence Organization and the Security Forces must be handed over to the Turkish Cypriots, while the police and the fire brigade must be brought under civilian rule.

7. For the sake of remaining in government, the ruling National Unity Party has bowed to all the impositions made by the AKP government in Turkey, and surrendered the political will of the Turkish Cypriot people to AKP by succumbing to immorally transfer parliamentarians from another party to its ranks. With its collaborationist policies and hostile attitude toward the Turkish Cypriots, the actions of the ruling UBP is pushing the Turkish Cypriots to extinction. It is because of these reasons that the UBP government does not represent the political will of the community.

8. In its struggle to win back the political will of the Turkish Cypriot people that has been surrendered to the governments of Turkey, the Trade Unions’ Platform expects and calls upon all the opposition parties in the parliament to take every action including civil disobedience with regards to the measures taken by the government and to walk-out from the parliament should the government block all other avenues.

9. The officials of the Republic of Turkey must stop their interfering in our internal affairs, and must put an end to the "shadow cabinet" disguised as advisors. The interventions of the T.R. “Aid Committee” in the political decisions of the government must cease. Financial assistance must be provided on project basis, and must be administered by the Turkish Cypriot authorities. All tenders must be opened and bid in Cyprus.

10. The economic packet imposed purely for political reasons on the Turkish Cypriots within the framework of the protocols signed with the T.R., which does not fit the social and cultural structures, must be stopped immediately and any arrangements made must be revoked.

11. The practice of selling communal wealth and establishments cheaply under the guise of privatization must cease immediately. The authority on these institutions rests with the Turkish Cypriots.

12. The practice of distributing citizenships which has ruined the social, economic and cultural fabric in our country and has wiped out the political will of the Turkish Cypriots, must be stopped immediately. Further, a new census must be carried out under the supervision of international observers and illegal immigrants must be repatriated. Entry in to the country with identity card must be stopped and all future entries must be carefully controlled.

13. The inhumane working conditions of the workers in the private sector must be improved and the ILO regulations must be implemented and enforced both in the public as well as in the private sectors.

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