

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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WRITTEN DECLARATION

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mrs Theresa Villiers

on Cyprus

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the numerous United Nations declarations on Cyprus,
 - whereas EU accession talks with Cyprus and the granting of candidate status to Turkey make finding a lasting settlement in Cyprus an even more important issue for the EU than hitherto,
1. Regrets the continuing division of the island of Cyprus and its two communities;
 2. Urges all parties to the dispute to make the strongest efforts to reach a peaceful solution to end the division of Cyprus;
 3. Supports the efforts of the United Nations to reach a solution to the Cyprus problem; supports, in particular, the UN's recent resolutions on Cyprus, Nos. 1251 and 1283 of 1999, and the proximity talks which the UN has held in New York and Geneva;
 4. Hopes that EU accession negotiations with Cyprus and the acceptance of Turkey as a candidate country will have a positive effect on the Cyprus debate and help facilitate reconciliation between the two communities in Cyprus;
 5. Pledges its efforts and support to aid Cypriots in their search for a settlement;
 6. Calls on the Council and the Commission to give their active support to the search for a peaceful and lasting settlement in Cyprus and to the promotion of the reconciliation process within the island;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.