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We condemn the occupation of 37% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey, the organized settlement from mainland Turkey, the destruction of cultural heritage and the usurpation of land and properties in the areas not under the control of the Republic since 1974. We believe that the appropriate way to reach a peaceful, just, mutually acceptable and viable solution of the Cyprus problem is through substantive and direct negotiations under the auspices of the UN, on the basis of the UN Security Council Resolutions, the High-Level Agreements of 1977 and 1979, International Law as well as the values and fundamental principles on which the EU is founded.

We welcome the revival of the negotiations under UN auspices. We urge the leaders of the two communities to work together in a constructive manner for a comprehensive settlement. We reiterate our support for the consistent efforts of President Christophias to achieve an agreed solution. Taking into account the negative experience of the recent past, suffocating timetables and arbitration should be avoided and the procedure should remain of Cypriot ownership.

We believe that all efforts should be concentrated on reaching a solution as soon as possible. This can be achieved only if the Turkish and Turkish Cypriot side will show in practice their readiness for a decent compromise at the negotiation table, thus remaining in the agreed framework of the solution as defined by the two leaders before the commencement of the negotiation procedure.

We underline that the settlement of the Cyprus problem must be based on the evolution of the Republic of Cyprus into an independent, bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with territorial integrity, a single sovereignty, single international personality single citizenship, political equality as provided by the relevant Security Council Resolutions. The solution must provide for the withdrawal of Turkish occupation troops the lifting of the occupation and the termination of the illegal influx of settlers. The solution of the Cyprus problem should safeguard human rights and fundamental freedoms for all citizens, in line with international law and the UN Charter, including the right of refugees to return to their homes and properties and the right of the families of missing persons in both Communities to be informed of the fate of their loved ones.



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The changing of the demographic structures in the northern part of Cyprus is an engineered process. It is a political act by the state and civilian administration of the Republic of Turkey to complete the conquering, and the Turkification of the northern part of island.

According to the Geneva Convention it is a war crime to transfer populations to occupied territories...

We call on the international community to exercise their influence on Turkey and urge it to abandon its current policy towards Cyprus, accept the demilitarization of Nicosia, Tylliria, and Mesaoria area, Maronitte Villages and Famagusta and give Varosia to its lawful owners in order to return back to their properties in this area as a Confidence Building Measure; making an agenda for withdrawal of the foreign armed forces from the island, within this framework withdrawing at least 10,000 troops now and starting the necessary work for the withdrawal of the remainder and adopt a constructive attitude that will help in the formulation of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem as described above.

The Turkish Cypriot Community is also part of the European family and has the right to enjoy and get equal benefit from European law, directives and conventions like all other European workers... The European Left Party, will continue to support actively the efforts for a solution to the Cyprus problem along the lines described above, as the solution of the Cyprus problem will be a significant contribution to peace in the region of the Eastern Mediterranean and a demilitarized Cyprus, without foreign military bases, will be a bridge of peace and cooperation between Europe, the Middle East and Africa.