



RESOLUTION

RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

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We welcome the Joint Declaration agreed by the leaders of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities on February 11, 2014 and the renewal of the negotiations on the Cyprus Problem with the aim of reaching a viable and lasting settlement that will end the anachronistic division of the island. The continued pragmatism and willingness of the Republic of Cyprus to find a solution, should be supported in order to ensure that Cyprus reunification becomes a reality.

We encourage both sides to work tirelessly and in good faith in order to achieve a settlement that reunifies Cyprus, in accordance with the High Level Agreements reached by the leaders of the two communities and the relevant United Nations resolutions regarding the Cyprus problem. The agreement aims for a bizonal, bicomunal federation with political equality, as defined by the relevant UN resolutions on single sovereignty, single citizenship and single international personality.

Recognising:

- A reunified Cyprus, free from the Turkish occupation forces, will restore and respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots and their legitimate interests and aspirations to live in a normal and prosperous European country.

Acknowledging:

- The adoption of such confidence-building measures will create a 'win-win' atmosphere and restore the hope and confidence of the people of Cyprus to the prospect of reaching a solution.
- The return of Famagusta, besides the evident advantage of creating a dynamic impetus to the negotiating process, will also provide an infrastructural restoration for the city, which has been uninhabited for 40 years. This will undoubtedly lead to the creation of new jobs in a wide variety of professional fields, providing a major boost to the economy of the country and not excluding Turkish Cypriots from this process
- By working together, building mutual trust and enjoying the results of joint collaboration, Greek and Turkish Cypriots will come closer to the realization of the benefits of sharing together a prosperous future, just as we have done so in the past.

YEPP calls on:

- EU to be a catalyst in solving the Cyprus problem and therefore upgrade its role in the negotiation process in order to safeguard the immediate and proper implementation of the *acquis communautaire*. The EU's values and principles as well as the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all Cypriots should be the foundation on which reunified Cyprus will be built on.
- The support of the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus to explore and develop its off-shore resources inside its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). On account of that we urge Turkey to avoid any threats or any other actions or statements that doubt those rights and escalate tension. Both communities should realize their full potential and lead to economic prosperity for all the people of the island.