



ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES VILLES MESSAGÈRES DE LA PAIX

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEACE MESSENGER CITIES

THE MORPHOU RESOLUTION

Whereas, delegates to the 2008 General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities held in Sochi, Russian Federation, between 12-16 November 2008 have convened to discuss the current situation in Cyprus,

Whereas, the Greek Cypriots remain firmly committed to the solution of the Cyprus problem and the reunification of their country and the people of Cyprus,

Whereas, the international community, the Organization of the United Nations and the European Union support a solution to the Cyprus problem based on the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and the EU *acquis communautaire*,

Whereas, the Republic of Turkey continues to illegally occupy 36.4% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus in violation of International Law, the European Convention of Human Rights, the UN Charter and the relevant United Nations Resolutions, and continues to violate the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Cypriot people,

Whereas, the Republic of Turkey continues to influx illegally mainland Turks to the occupied area of Cyprus,

Whereas, the illegal sale of Greek Cypriot property in the occupied areas continues,

Resolved, by the 2008 General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities held in Sochi, Russian Federation that:

We reaffirm our position that the present status quo in Cyprus is unacceptable and that the military presence of Turkey on the island is in flagrant violation of the United Nations resolutions, including General Assembly resolution 3212 (1974) unanimously approved by the United Nations General Assembly, the principles which the European Union is based upon and international law;



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We welcome the launch of fully-fledged negotiations between the leaders of the two communities on the 3rd September 2008 under the auspices of the Secretary General of the United Nations, hoping that the solution of the Cyprus problem, within the framework of a bizonal, bicomunal federation on the basis of the UNSC Resolutions and the principles on which the EU is founded, will meet the hopes and expectations of both communities with a common future for all Cypriots within the European Union, without any third parties dictating that future;

We believe that a just, viable and workable solution to the Cyprus problem should be based on the principles of international law and the EU acquis communautaire, in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions;

We believe that the welfare and prosperity of the people of Cyprus rest with the economic integration of the two communities and the unification of the economy of Cyprus, and not with the encouragement of separatist actions;

We call upon the international community to impress upon Turkey to fulfill its obligations emanating from the United Nations Charter, the relevant UN SC resolutions (541/1983 and 550/1984), as well as the European law and Turkey's status as an EU candidate country;

We demand the immediate implementation, by Turkey, of the decision of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) by which Turkey was found responsible for the continuous violation of the human rights and the fundamental freedoms of the Greek Cypriots,

We urge the immediate implementation, by Turkey of all United Nations resolutions on Cyprus, calling for the withdrawal of its occupation troops and the repatriation of illegal settlers, the return of all refugees to their homes in safety, the restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms to all Cypriots, the full and effective investigation of the fate of all missing persons.

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