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The Rt. Hon. David Cameron
Prime Minister
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10, Downing str.
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Dear Prime Minister,

50th anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus.
36 years of Turkish occupation, of 37% of its territory.
Shame on the World of the 21st century.

On the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus, we write to you on behalf of the Greek Cypriot refugees from the occupied District of Kyrenia.

We know we are addressing someone who knows the details of the Cyprus Problem and therefore we omit repeating what happened in 1974, and all the war crimes committed against us then and in all the years that followed.

We simply wish to remind you of the responsibilities of the British Governments, towards Cyprus and its people, for which Britain is accountable in the courts of Law.

- Britain as a Guarantor Power failed in 1974 to fulfill its obligations towards Cyprus:
 - ❖ It did not prevent the aggression,
 - ❖ it did not prevent the occupation,
 - ❖ it did not prevent the war crimes Turkey committed against the people of Cyprus,
 - ❖ it did not prevent the partitionist acts committed by the occupying Power over the last 36 years.
- On the contrary, the British Governments rendered diplomatic and political support to the illegal regime in the occupied areas. It still does so today:
 - ❖ British diplomacy is the champion of the Turkish, untrue, claim for "Turkish Cypriots isolation".

- ❖ British diplomacy is the champion of the Turkish demand for direct trade with the occupied areas of Cyprus.
 - ❖ British diplomacy is encouraging Turkey not to recognize the Cyprus Republic in the context of its European obligations as a country under accession talks.
 - ❖ Britain publicly declares that it recognizes in Cyprus only one Government that of the Republic, but in the sidelines British diplomacy is the champion of the illegal regime in the occupied areas in its efforts for recognition as a separate entity.
- Through this policy inevitably British diplomacy is gradually but steadily undermining the same Cyprus Government it is claiming to recognize.
 - Equally, through the British policy on Cyprus, Britain is not fulfilling its obligations as the leader of the Commonwealth, of which Cyprus is a member and has every right to expect the solidarity and respect of the British Government.
 - Britain is also failing its obligations towards Cyprus as a Member of the European Union.
 - Britain has obligations towards Cyprus arising also from the special ties with Cyprus as an ex- colony, as well as from the special British interests vested in Cyprus in military and communication bases.

We note the current position of the British Government on the Cyprus developments, the climax of which is the full diplomatic support given to the current efforts to solve the Cyprus Problem on the basis of the rejected ANNAN plan, with the sole aim to legalise the present situation in Cyprus which is the outcome of foreign invasion and occupation.

The British Government is silent on the issue of the Human Rights of the refugees. The Greek Cypriot refugees can not, in a practical way, be returning to their homes and property if a Turkish federal State is to be set up in Cyprus, in the occupied areas. Needless to remind you that we owe 85% of the land in the occupied areas and we constitute the 85% of the population there. The population distribution as well as the property ownership is the critical factors not allowing for a Turkish Federal State to be set up in the occupied areas of Cyprus.

The British support for the so called Turkish Cypriot isolation and direct trade is feeding the Turkish intransigence and promotes the recognition of the illegal regime in the occupied areas, contrary to International Law, the U.N. Charter, the European aquis and the U.N.Security Council resolutions 541 and 550.

In conclusion:

- We ask you to reconsider the British diplomatic handling of the Cyprus Problem and reverse your Governments policies on Cyprus. It will be in the interest of justice and peace. It will be in the interest of Britain and the British people.
- We ask you to listen to the outcry of the Cypriot people for justice and peace, and we refer to both Greek and Turkish Cypriot people. **The ordinary Turkish Cypriot people** are anxious to return to their villages, homes and property in the free areas of Cyprus, as much as we are, to return to ours, in the occupied areas of Cyprus. These Turkish Cypriots are the voters in the occupied areas of Cyprus who in 2004 voted against the partitionist ANNAN plan along with us. They share

the same vision with us. To live in a free Cyprus as citizens with political equality under the Law, with mutual respect, in a democratic European State. We have all learned a lesson the hard way and we shall not allow the past to be repeated. We shall, under such conditions of freedom and unity, be the true guarantors of each others safety and prosperity in the future. **The Yes voters to the ANNAN plan** in the occupied areas in 2004 were the Turkish settlers and the separatist's followers of the illegal regime. **Therefore we ask you to stop listening to the lobby group's** form the occupied areas that are the vanguards of the illegal regime, who are seeking to legalise the current partitionist situation. They are the remnants of those who terrorized the Turkish Cypriots in the fifties and the sixties, to separate from the rest of the population in order to create the conditions for the geographical separation we experience today. They speak on behalf of Turkey and not the true Turkish Cypriots. Consider the thousands of Turkish Cypriots who emigrated because they disagree with what happened in Cyprus and they are ready to return in a free Cyprus. The Turkish Cypriots numbered 120000 before 1974, whereas today only about 60000 remain. Over half of them emigrated away from the embrace of mother Turkey.

Dear Prime Minister,

The Cypriot people had to fight for their independence, in the same way Britain in 1945 fought Hitler along with all of us, in order to keep its independence. It was the legitimate right of both people. Therefore we expect respect of each others struggles. Following independence the Cypriot people did not grudge Britain or the British people in any way. On the contrary the special links are maintained and strengthened for our people's mutual benefit. The thousands of British citizens who either live or visit Cyprus can verify this. For them being in Cyprus it is just like being at home. It is time the British Government formulates a State policy towards Cyprus on the same lines.

Sincerely
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