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RESOLUTION

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Rizokarpasso, located in the northern part of Cyprus, had 4,500 Greek Cypriot inhabitants in 1974, when Turkey invaded Cyprus. We now have only 260 enclaved Greek Cypriots in Rizokarpasso who on a daily basis are denied basic human rights and witness the homes and properties of their friends and relatives being occupied and exploited by settlers from Turkey that were transported to colonize the occupied northern part of Cyprus and change the demography and culture of the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus. Our Association members were either born in Rizokarpasso or their parents or grandparents were born there. Most of our members are the legal owners of homes and properties in Rizokarpasso and since the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus have been denied the use, benefit from and enjoyment of their properties. The continued occupation of Cyprus by troops and settlers from Turkey is denying our members human rights, fundamental freedoms and social justice and the very principles at the heart of democracy. Furthermore, Turkey is in flagrant violation of the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions including General Assembly resolution 3212 (1974).

According to the Treaty of Guarantee, Britain, Greece and Turkey undertook to guarantee the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. Countries and organisations can and, we believe, should, choose to put pressure on Turkey to abide by UN Resolutions and the rules of international law and stop their illegal occupation of the northern part of the Republic of Cyprus and abuse of the Human Rights of Greek Cypriots.

In 1974 Turkey illegally invaded Cyprus and ethnically cleansed 200,000 Greek Cypriots, (who made up over 80% of the population), from 38% of Cyprus territory in the north, and still occupies their land and homes with 40,000 troops and 200,000 illegal settlers transported to colonize and change the demography of northern Cyprus, thus ignoring the Geneva Convention. UN Security Council resolutions 541(1983) and 550(1984) declare the self proclaimed "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus," "legally invalid" and call upon all states not to assist this illegal secessionist entity in any way since to do so will lend credibility to the invasion, occupation and colonizing of northern Cyprus it will ignore the human rights abuses carried out since 1974.

We ask you, at this critical time in the Cyprus negotiations process, to exercise your influence to ensure that any proposed solution honours democracy, human rights and international law, a solution which we believe should include the following:

- a) The removal of all Turkish troops from Cyprus.
- b) The repatriation to Turkey of the over 200,000 illegal settlers in Cyprus.
- c) The restoration of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots.
- d) The reunification of the island and people of Cyprus.
- e) The return of the refugees to their homes and properties in safety.
- f) The return of properties to their lawful owners.
- g) The end of the suffering of the enclaved.
- h) The full and effective investigation of the fate of all the missing persons

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