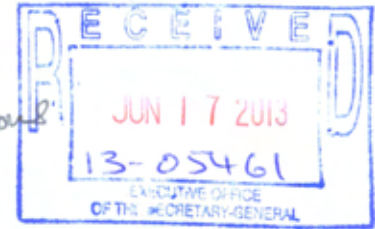




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June 10, 2013

Mr. Secretary-General:

On behalf of the organizations listed below at the 29th PSEKA Cyprus and Hellenic Leadership Conference in Washington DC we are sending the attached Resolution calling for a new Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus replacing Alexander Downer.

We are passionate in our advocacy for human rights for the people of Cyprus and we believe it is imperative that the new Special Adviser establishes himself/herself as a credible honest broker of a Cypriot-owned process that follows the parameters set by the U.N. Security Council resolutions on Cyprus.

We look forward to hearing back from you with a positive response so that our common goal of human rights and respect for international law can finally bring a just closure to the tragic invasion and continuing occupation of Cyprus.

Warmest regards,

Philip Christopher (signed on behalf of organizations listed below)

President

International Coordinating Committee Justice for Cyprus (PSEKA)

The Coordinated Effort of Hellenes, Andrew Manatos, President
 United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), George Dovellos, President
 Cyprus Federation of America, Costas Tsentas, President
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Cyprus-US Chamber of Commerce, Vassos Vassiliou, President
Hellenic American National Council, Paul Kotrotsios, MBA, President
The Pan Macedonian Association, Konstantinos Hatzistefanidis, President
PanHellenic Federation of Florida, Maria Poullas, President
Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York, Elias Tsekerides, President
American Hellenic Institute (AHI), Nick Larigakis, President
The Committee of Cyprus Occupied Municipalities, Alexis Galanos, President
The New Jersey Hellenic American Heritage Commission, Zenon Christodoulou, President
The Cyprus Children's Fund, Savas Tsivicos, President
PSEKA-Canada, Dinos Sophocleous, President
Morphou Association – UK, Nicos Kotziamanis, President
The Overseas Cypriot Maronite Association, Maria Kokkinou, Chairwoman
The Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia, Stelios Tsinontides, Ph.D., President
Virginia Cyprus Benevolent Association, Tom Kyrus, President
Lampousa Cypriot American Association, Stavros Kamilaris, President
The Pancyprian Association of America, Nikos Mouyiaris, Executive Vice President
The Pancyprian Association of Florida, Angela Georgiades, President
The Pancyprians of Washington DC, Dinos Miltiadous, President
The Organization of Relatives of Missing Persons of Cyprus, Nick Theodosiou, President
Hellenic American Leadership Council (HALC); Endy Zemenides, Executive Director

RESOLUTION

The participants of the 29th PSEKA Cyprus and Hellenic Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., as well as Hellenes worldwide represented by the International Coordinating Committee Justice for Cyprus (PSEKA), the Coordinated Effort of Hellenes, the United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), the Cyprus Federation of America, the World Council of Hellenes (SAE), AHEPA, American Hellenic Council of California (AHC), Cyprus-US Chamber of Commerce, Hellenic American National Council, the Pan Macedonian Association, the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York, the American Hellenic Institute (AHI), the Committee of Cyprus Occupied Municipalities, the New Jersey Hellenic American Heritage Commission, the Cyprus Children's Fund, PSEKA-Canada, Morphou Association – UK, the Overseas Cypriot Maronite Association, the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia, PanHellenic Federation of Florida, Cyprus Benevolent Association, Lampousa Cypriot American Association, the Pancyprian Association of America, the Pancyprian Association of Florida, the Pancyprians of Washington DC, the Organization of Relatives of Missing Persons of Cyprus, and the Hellenic American Leadership Council (HALC);

CONDEMNING the continuing occupation of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey, an occupation that is entering its 39th year in violation of international law and United Nations resolutions;

RECOGNIZING the critical role of the United Nations and the good offices of the Secretary General as authorized by the United Nations Security Council in ending the occupation and reunification of the Republic of Cyprus according to relevant United Nations resolutions;

NOTING that previous peace processes, most specifically the Annan peace plan of 2004, have failed in part because the United Nations officials working on the Republic of Cyprus' reunification began to be perceived as aligned with Turkish policies rather than as honest brokers;

RECALLING the 2008 appointment of Alexander Downer as Special Advisor to the Secretary General on Cyprus;

NOTING with dismay Mr. Downer's inability to either preside over progress in reunification talks or establish himself as an honest broker between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots;

ENCOURAGED by an opportunity to advance peace on the Republic of Cyprus because of:

- a) the economic incentive presented by the discovery of natural gas deposits that could benefit all Cypriots;
- b) The recognition by Turkish Cypriots that their very identity is being threatened by the colonial policies of Turkey; and
- c) the bold confidence building measures proposed by the government of the Republic of Cyprus;

RECOGNIZING the need for the United Nations to regain the trust and credibility among all Cypriots, as any reunification plan will be put to referendum across the island;

EXPRESSING disappointment that Mr. Downer has lost such trust through his lack of progress over 5 years, his tense relations with Greek Cypriots, and comments he has made over 5 years that put his impartiality into question;

1. Call on U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to appoint a new Special Advisor to the Secretary General on Cyprus, replacing Alexander Downer; and
2. Requests that the new Special Advisor's mandate explicitly directs the Special Advisor to establish himself/herself as a credible honest broker of a Cypriot-owned process that follows the parameters set by U.N. Security Council resolutions on Cyprus.

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