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## Greek Cypriot “High Commissioner” in London celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> July Peace Operations Day!

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010:* ATCA, together with the Southwark Cypriot Turkish Association and the Cyprus Turkish Association, handed a letter to the Greek Cypriot “High Commissioner” (Mr. Alexandros N. Zenon) in St James’s Square London yesterday afternoon to mark the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for Turkey’s Peace Operation. The message read as follows:

Dear Mr. Alexandros N. Zenon,

It is the 36th anniversary of the 20th July Peace Operation which has brought peace to the whole island of Cyprus. The Turkish Cypriot People are well aware of the vital importance of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus which was established as a result of the peaceful circumstances created after the Peace Operation of 1974. All Greek & Turkish Cypriots must be thankful to Turkey for bringing a long lasting peace to a previously turbulent and troubled island.

Please accept our special gift on behalf of the Turkish Cypriot People worldwide to celebrate the marking of the 20th July Peace and Freedom Day in Cyprus.

Additionally, can you also please accept the black wreath as a symbol of mourning for the hundreds of Turkish Cypriots killed by Greek and Greek Cypriots and also for the death of the so-called “Republic of Cyprus”.

The Turkish Cypriot People will never abandon their right to self-governance and determination and to allow a return to pre-1974 days of genocide and apartheid.

Yours truly,

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### About ATCA – [www.atcanews.org](http://www.atcanews.org)

The Association of Turkish Cypriots Abroad (ATCA) was established in July 2003, with the aim of forming a web site which would address the problems of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and that of the Turkish Cypriots worldwide. ATCA has two primary objectives:

- i) To lobby effectively
- ii) To organise and unite the Turkish Cypriots Worldwide

ATCA's strap line/slogan is: Respect, Equality and Recognition

ATCA lobbies hard and effectively in light of the above slogans, calling on the International Community to Respect the Human Rights of the Turkish Cypriots, with particular reference to the 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948'.

ATCA always calls on the notion of Equality to be respected in any solution to the Cyprus Problem, in light of past UN Resolutions which stipulate that the Cyprus issue is not one of 'majority and minority' but that of 'two equal Communities'. ATCA also calls upon the International Community to treat the Turkish Cypriots with EQUALITY, so that they may enjoy the same rights and freedoms as the rest of the world citizens, and without interference from the Greek Cypriots, who have attempted to ethnically cleanse the island from Turkish Cypriots since 1963.

ATCA calls upon the Recognition of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as the Turkish Cypriots are equal with that of the Greek Cypriots, with rights to Self Determination. This was clearly demonstrated in the Annan Plan referenda, where both Peoples exercised their right of self determination. Furthermore, the Turkish Cypriots are NOT 'Stateless', but have their own democratically elected Parliamentarians; President; their own police force; judicial system; and the essential organs and institutions required for the effective functioning of the Republic.

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