



Guaranteed Partition

Thursday 11th March 2010: Press statement by ATCA's UK arm on the Greek Cypriot "Parliament" decision to exclude Guarantor Powers from the current United Nations peace talks on the Cyprus conflict.

The recent decision by the Greek Cypriot Parliament in excluding the Guarantor Powers of Britain, Turkey and Greece in the current talks process goes against the main principals of seeking a secure, just and workable Cyprus solution which safeguards the interests of all of the peoples on the island.

The Association of Turkish Cypriots Abroad (ATCA) condemns such a decision and deems it an unacceptable move by the Greek Cypriot administration in undermining the current talks process. This provocation of our rights and liberties on the island of Cyprus as one of its partner peoples embedded in the original 1960 constitution, accompanied with the Treaty of Guarantee, was not well received by our 200'000 plus members from the UK, U.S.A., Australia, Germany and Northern Cyprus.

Any settlement of the Cyprus conflict must include the rights of all three original Guarantor countries, maintain an equal balance according to the original 1960 Constitution and respect the Partnership agreement between the two peoples on the island. If a Federal agreement is what the Greek Cypriots are seeking, the above three core pre-requisites are non-negotiable and are embedded under the main principles of the original 1960 Cyprus Constitution and Zurich Agreements.

A fair and just Bi-Communal, Bi-Zonal Federal structure based on "Two Founding States" (similar to the former Annan Plan) is what the Turkish Cypriot side has openly agreed to. This sudden and shocking Greek Cypriot decision accepted unanimously by its current "Parliament" goes against all agreements in seeking an amicable and workable Federal agreement based on the idea of a United, two state Federal structure.

We believe that this unprecedented decision has raised some important questions as to the intent of the Greek Cypriot side, and whether their true intentions for a fair Federal resolution to the Cyprus problem based on the main principles, is now possible.

An environment of mistrust and uncertainty has now been clearly defined by the Greek Cypriot side. This seemingly irreversible mindset will eventually lead to the permanent partition of the island.

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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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