



National Federation of Cypriots in the UK

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Working for a Free, United Cyprus

His Excellency
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Sir,

Forty seven years have tragically passed since Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of 37% of the Republic of Cyprus. Your country's continued violation of international law in Cyprus is a shameful legacy and an open wound to the people of Cyprus. Our community here in the UK is marking this 38th year since 15th November 1983, when, with your country's support, the occupied area illegally, and unilaterally, declared itself to be "independent". In reality though, it remains an unrecognised and illegal secessionist entity, as confirmed by UN Security Council Resolutions 541 and 550.

Sadly, Turkey has consistently been the biggest obstacle to a free, united Cyprus and this has been to the detriment of all Cypriots. Turkey must finally accept that Cyprus should be a normal, modern, truly independent and sovereign, European state and not a protectorate of Turkey. Peddling a 'two state solution' needs to cease and Turkey must accept that foreign guarantees & troops are an anachronism.

Successive Turkish governments have refused to let the Cypriot people decide their own fate. The Turkish Cypriots too want and need a reunified Cyprus that serves the interests of all Cypriots, rather than a divided island where their voice is becoming increasingly muted because of Ankara's policies and actions.

Today we call upon you, as the Ambassador of Turkey to the United Kingdom, and a representative of your country's Government abroad, to listen to the pleas of the Cypriot people, the international community and your host country, to allow for a reunified Cyprus as a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation, where the human rights of all Cypriots will be safeguarded. Only such an outcome will deliver peace, security and prosperity to the island's people and aid in bringing stability and security in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Yours sincerely,

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