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Έκκληση Ν. Χριστοδουλίδη για συγκεκριμένα μέτρα εναντίον της Τουρκίας

Έκκληση για «ανάληψη συλλογικών και συγκεκριμένων μέτρων» από την ΕΕ, στη βάση των προνοιών των Συνθηκών της ΕΕ, έκανε ο Υπουργός Εξωτερικών **Νίκος Χριστοδουλίδης**, στο πλαίσιο της Συνόδου του Συμβουλίου Εξωτερικών Υποθέσεων της ΕΕ, που πραγματοποιήθηκε τη Δευτέρα στις Βρυξέλλες, όπου και έθεσε το θέμα των παράνομων τουρκικών ενεργειών εντός της Αποκλειστικής Οικονομικής Ζώνης (AOZ) της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας.

Η τοποθέτηση του Υπουργού έγινε προς το τέλος της συνεδρίασης, στηρίχθηκε από τη Γαλλία, την Ελλάδα και άλλες χώρες, αλλά και από την Ύπατη Εκπρόσωπο της ΕΕ για θέματα Εξωτερικής Πολιτικής και Πολιτικής Ασφαλείας, **Φεντερίκα Μογκερίνι**, που σημειώνοντας ότι «μιλάει εκ μέρους όλων» τόνισε ότι «**αυτή τη φορά πρέπει να δράσουμε με αποφασιστικότητα**».

Ο Υπουργός Εξωτερικών παρουσίασε στους ομολόγους του την κατάσταση πραγμάτων και τις τελευταίες εξελίξεις σε σχέση με την κλιμάκωση της τουρκικής προκλητικότητας εντός της AOZ της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας, με επιχειρούμενες γεωτρήσεις που παροβιάζουν τα κυριαρχικά δικαιώματα της Κύπρου αλλά και το ευρωπαϊκό και διεθνές δίκαιο.

Αναλυτικά, όπως είπε ο Υπουργός στους ομολόγους του, «η κατάσταση απαιτεί ανάληψη συλλογικών και συγκεκριμένων μέτρων από μέρους της Ένωσης, στη βάση των προνοιών των Συνθηκών της ΕΕ, και των σχετικών με το θέμα κοινών δηλώσεων της Ένωσης».

Σε αυτό το πλαίσιο τόνισε ότι με τις ενέργειές της, «η Τουρκία δεν ενεργεί κατά των ενεργειακών σχεδιασμών της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας, αλλά κατά των συμφερόντων ολόκληρης της ΕΕ».

«Η Τουρκία απέρριψε τον διάλογο και τη διεθνή νομιμότητα», υπογράμμισε ο κ. Χριστοδουλίδης για να επισημάνει ότι επανειλημμένα κάλεσε την Τουρκία να ξεκινήσουν συζητήσεις για την οριοθέτηση των θαλάσσιων ζωνών, πρόταση την οποία αυτή απέρριψε.

Επιπρόσθετα, τόνισε ότι «ούτε και τα μηνύματα που έστειλε η ΕΕ και οι εταίροι μας, σε πνεύμα αλληλεγγύης, δεν φαίνεται να έχουν εισακούστει μέχρι στιγμής από την Τουρκία. Αντιθέτως, η Αγκυρα συνεχίζει τις προκλητικές της ενέργειες, λίγες εβδομάδες πριν και από την έκδοση της Έκθεσης Προόδου σε σχέση με την ενταξιακή της πορεία και κατά παραβίαση των δεσμεύσεων που η ίδια έχει αναλάβει έναντι της Ένωσης», επεσήμανε.

«Όπως ανέφερε και η Ύπατη Εκπρόσωπος στη διάσκεψη Τύπου, η ΕΕ συνεχίζει να εκφράζει μεγάλη ανησυχία για τις ενέργειες της Τουρκίας και καλεί την Τουρκία να επιδείξει αυτοσυγκράτηση, να σεβαστεί τα κυριαρχικά δικαιώματα της Κύπρου στην AOZ της και να απέχει από οποιαδήποτε παρόμοια παράνομη ενέργεια στην οποία, όπως είπε, η ΕΕ θα απαντήσει με τον κατάλληλο τρόπο και σε πλήρη αλληλεγγύη με την Κύπρο. Αυτή, τόνισε, ήταν και η ξεκάθαρη θέση των Υπουργών Εξωτερικών σήμερα σε πλήρη αλληλεγγύη με την Κύπρο», δήλωσε ο Υπουργός Εξωτερικών.

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«Ήσουν και είσαι απαράδεκτος και φιλότουρκος (σερ Ντάνκαν)»

ΣΥΝΑΓΕΡΜΟΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΠΑΡΟΙΚΙΑ

Με το που έγινε γνωστή η δήλωση Ντάνκαν, η Εθνική Κυπριακή Ομοσπονδία Βρετανίας κινητοποιήθηκε αμέσως και έντονα προς κάθε κατεύθυνση, πρωτίστως προς το Foreign Office. Η διευκρινιστική δήλωση του Γραφείου Κυπριακού του βρετανικού ΥΠΕΞ ουδόλως αλλάζει τη θέση Ντάνκαν, αντίθετα δίνει ερείσματα στους Τούρκους για... συνεκμετάλλευση του φυσικού αερίου στην κυπριακή AOZ, χωρίς καν να επιλυθεί το Κυπριακό.

Κατόπιν διαβούλευσης, η Εθνική Ομοσπονδία έστειλε αυστηρή ανοικτή επιστολή στον Άλαν Ντάνκαν, με την οποία αποκρύπτει τις «απαράδεκτες πολιτικές και νομικά θέσεις του» και του ζητεί να διευκρινίσει ποιες περιοχές της κυπριακής AOZ θεωρεί ο ίδιος ως «αμφισβητούμενες». Η EKO απαιτεί, επιπλέον, από τη βρετανική κυβέρνηση να ζητήσει επιτακτικά από την Τουρκία να σταματήσει τις γεωτρήσεις της στην κυπριακή AOZ και να αποσύρει τα σκάφη της από την περιοχή.

Στην επιστολή (δημοσιεύεται στη σελίδα 13) εκφράζεται η έντονη δυσαρέσκεια της Παροικίας γιατί η βρετανική κυβέρνηση δεν πάρει ξεκάθαρη θέση υπέρ της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας, με βάση τις διακρητύεις του Λονδίνου για σεβασμό του Διεθνούς Δικαίου και των αξιών της Δημοκρατίας, που τονίζει ότι θα υπηρετεί και μετά το Brexit.

Διάβημα κυπριακής κυβέρνησης

Το Κυπριακό υπουργείο Εξωτερικών προέβη σε διάβημα προς το Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο, μέσω του Υπάτου Αρμοστή της χώρας στην Κύπρο, Στίβεν Λίλι, για τη βρετανική στάση σε ότι αφορά την κυπριακή AOZ, ενώ ο Πρόεδρος της Δημοκρατίας θα απευθύνοταν για το ζήτημα αυτό με επιστολή προς τη Βρετανίδα πρωθυπουργό Τερέζα Μέι.

Ο Κυβερνητικός Εκπρόσωπος, Πρόδρομος Προδρόμου, δήλωσε μετά τη συνεδρία του Υπουργού Συμβουλίου πως ο Ύπατος Αρμοστής του Hv. Βασιλείου είχε κληθεί στο Υπουργείο Εξωτερικών, για τα απαραίτητα επίσημα διαβήματα προς τη χώρα του μετά τις δηλώσεις του Ντάνκαν, ενώ ο Πρόεδρος της Δημοκρατίας θα απηύθυνε επιστολή στην κ. Μέι.

Καταγγελία Τουρκίας από υπουργού Άμυνας Ελλάδας - Κύπρου

Για την κλιμάκωση της προκλητικότητας της Τουρκίας, ενημέρωσε τους ομολόγους, του στο Συμβούλιο των Υπουργών Άμυνας της ΕΕ, ο Υπουργός Άμυνας της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας, **Σάββας Αγγελίδης**.

Ο Υπουργός ανέφερε στους ομολόγους του τις κατάφωρες παραβιάσεις των κυριαρχικών δικαιωμάτων της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας και τους εξήγησε ότι «εκτός του αυτονόητου, ότι επηρεάζονται κατάφωρα τα κυριαρχικά δικαιώματα και τα συμφέροντα της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας, επηρεάζονται και τα ευρωπαϊκά συμφέροντα».

«Τους έχω υπενθυμίζει», δήλωσε ο Υπουργός, «το γεγονός ότι μεγάλες ευρωπαϊκές εταιρείες που δραστηριοποιούνται στην AOZ της Κύπρου επιτρέπουν αύμεσα με αυτές τις προκλητικές ενέργειες της Τουρκίας».

«Ευχαρίστησα την κ. **Μογκερίνι** για την διαχρονική στήριξη και τις δηλώσεις αλληλεγγύης και ειδικά μετά το πέρας της Συνόδου με τους Υπουργούς Εξωτερικών, τόνισε ο Υπουργός Άμυνας Ελλήνων Σάββας Αγγελίδης.

«Πιστεύω όμως ότι πλέον, και αυτό είναι το πιο σημαντικό, μετά από αυτόν τον κύκλο των δηλώσεων, είναι η λήψη μετρών και

η ΕΕ έχει δηλώσει ότι θα ενεργήσει κατάλληλα έχοντας από σε παρακολούθησης ενέργειες της Τουρκίας», υπογράμμισε.

«Για εμάς είναι πλέον σαφές ότι όλα τα βήματα γίνονται για τερματισμό αυτής της παρανομίας», κατέληξε.

Την θέση της Κύπρου στήριξε και ο Υπουργός Άμυνας της Ελλάδας **Ευάγγελος Αποστολάκης**, προκειμένου να σταματήσουν οι παράνομες ενέργειες της Τουρκίας στην AOZ της Κύπρου, σημειώνοντας ωστόσο, μιλώντας στον Τύπο στις Βρυξέλλες, ότι τα μέτρα δεν έχουν με συγκεκριμένοις ακόμα, λέγεται «παρακολουθούμε από κοντά την κατάσταση».

Στο περιθώριο της Συνόδου, ο Υπουργός Άμυνας είχε κατ' ιδίαν συνομιλία με την Ύπατη Εκπρόσωπο Μογκερίνι με την οποία συζήτησαν τις τελευταίες εξελίξεις στην AOZ της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας και τρόπους αντίδρασης της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης. Ο κ. Αγγελίδης συναντήθηκε και με τις Υπουργούς Άμυνας της Ιταλίας και της Γερμανίας τις οποίες επίσης ενημέρωσε για την κλιμάκωση των παράνομων ενεργειών της Τουρκίας στην κυπριακή AOZ.

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23 Μαΐου 2019
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**Παρουσίαση του βιβλίου του
Σάββα Παυλίδη «Σαράντα εννιά
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Ο Κύπριος από το Παλαιχώρι ήρωας της αλληλεγγύης

«Μπούλα», που στη γλώσσα τους σημαίνει «ζω» και σε ελεύθερη μετάφραση είναι ο πιο ζωηρός χαιρετισμός τους, φωνάζουν κάθε φορά που βλέπουν τον Κυριάκο Γεωργίου τα 30 ορφανά παιδιά τα οποία μένουν στο ορφανοτροφείο των νησιών Φίτζι, στην άκρη του Ειρηνικού. Το ορφανοτροφείο λειτουργεί η Ιερά Μητρόπολη Νέας Ζηλανδίας, και ο 53χρονος Κύπριος είναι από τους βασικούς χορηγούς του.

ΤΗΣ ΜΑΡΙΑΣ ΡΙΤΖΑΛΕΟΥ

Τα τελευταία χρόνια έχει ταξιδέψει δεκάδες φορές στα Φίτζι, μεταφέροντας τρόφιμα, είδη πρώτης ανάγκης, ρούχα και οικοδομικά υλικά, από τους φίλους του στο Κράιστσερτς, στο νότιο νησί της Νέας Ζηλανδίας όπου μένει.

Αλλά και στην πόλη του, ο Κυριάκος Γεωργίου είναι πολύ γνωστό μέλος της ελληνοκυπριακής κοινότητας και όχι μόνο. Τον Απρίλιο τον αποθέωσαν τα μέσα ενημέρωσής της γιατί ήταν από τους πρώτους που έσπευσαν για βοήθεια στα θύματα της τρομοκρατικής επίθεσης του Μπράντον Τάραντ, ο οποίος σκόρπισε τον θάνατο «γαζώντας» με όπλα τους πιστούς σε δύο τζαμιά στο Κράιστσερτς.

Η επίθεση σημειώθηκε σε απόσταση μόλις 300 μέτρων από το εστιατόριο του Κυριάκου Γεωργίου, και ο ίδιος έμεινε ξάγρυπνος για μέρες οργανώνοντας ένα μεγάλο σώμα εθελοντών.

«Ήταν απίστευτα συγκινητική η ανταπόκριση του κόσμου. Εδώ με γνωρίζουν πολλοί και έστειλαν τρόφιμα, φάρμακα, είδη πρώτης ανάγκης. Εξι δρομολόγια έκαναν τα φορτηγά της εταιρείας μου για να μοιράσουν στις οικογένειες των θυμάτων τα υλικά που συγκεντρώσαμε», λέει από τη βαριά πληγωμένη πόλη του Κράιστσερτς.

Μαζί στην άκρη του κόσμου

Ο 53χρονος Κύπριος έχει μια πολύ ενδιαφέρουσα ιστορία. Γεννήθηκε και μεγάλωσε στο Παλαιχώρι της Λευκωσίας και στα 25 του χρόνια γνώρισε μια όμορφη Κύπρια που έμενε στη Νέα Ζηλανδία και επισκέφτηκε την πατρίδα της για διακοπές.

Αγάπησε τη Βικτώρια, συνδέθηκε μαζί της και την ακολούθησε «στην άλλη άκρη του κόσμου», όπως έλεγαν τότε οι δικοί του.

Με πολλή δουλειά και αγώνα για να καθηερωθεί σε μια ξένη χώρα, χιλιάδες χιλιάδες μακριά από την πατρίδα του, σήμερα είναι ένας γνωστός επιχειρηματίας στο Κράιστσερτς των 400.000 κατοίκων, με τη δραστήρια κοινότητα των 350 Ελληνοκυπρίων, στην οποία είναι αντιπρόεδρος.

Ασχολείται με το χονδρεμπόριο ψαριών, έχει ένα ιταλικό μπαρ-εστιατόριο, το «Trevipos», και ένα μοτέλ με 25 δωμάτια. Στον μεγάλο σεισμό των 7,1 Ρίχτερ που έπληξε το Κράιστσερτς στις 4 Σεπτεμβρίου 2010, το σπίτι της οικογένειάς του υπέστη ανεπανόρθωτες ζημιές, όπως και το κατάστημά του.

«Ο Θεός βοήθησε και βγήκαμε εμείς ζω-



Από αριστερά, ο Κυριάκος Γεωργίου, ο π. Μεθόδιος, η σύζυγός του Βικτώρια και ο π. Μελέτιος, στο ορφανοτροφείο της Μητρόπολης στο Φίτζι.

ντανοί. Τα σπίτια και τα μαγαζιά ξαναγίνονται. Οι άνθρωποι όμως, Τα φτιάξαμε από την αρχή και είμαστε καλά για να βοηθήσουμε και τους αδύναμους», αναφέρει και προσθέτει: «Εγώ δεν καταλαβαίνω αυτούς που σηκώνουν ένα όπλο και σκοτώνουν κάποιον γιατί είναι διαφορετικός. Πρέπει να έχουν άρρωστο μυαλό και τους αξίζει βαριά τιμωρία. Το Κράιστσερτς έχει κατοίκους από 109 διαφορετικές εθνότητες. Εδώ υπάρχουν σεβασμός και ανοχή στη διαφορετικότητα».

Το ίδιο ακριβώς είπε και ο Μητροπολίτης Νέας Ζηλανδίας Μόρφων, που βρέθηκε στο σημείο της τραγωδίας και τέλεσε τρισάγιο στις ορθόδοξες εκκλησίες για την ανάπτυση των ψυχών των θυμάτων.

Ο Κυριάκος Γεωργίου είναι αρωγός σε όλες τις δράσεις της Μητρόπολης και της Ελληνορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας. Όνειρό του να ταξιδέψει κάποια στιγμή με την ιεραποστολή στην Αφρική, όπου έχει στείλει πολλές φορές βοήθεια.

«Είναι σημαντικό να προσφέρεις ό, τι μπορείς. Ειδικά στα παιδιά. Πρέπει τα παιδιά να μεγαλώνουν όμορφα, σε ήρεμο περιβάλλον, να έχουν όσα χρειάζονται. Δεν αντέχω να βλέπω μάτια κλαμένα, βλέμματα φοβισμένα και ψυχές στερημένες», λέει.

Φιλόξενοι

Στα Φίτζι πήγε πρώτη φορά για διακοπές και αυτό που του έκανε εντύπωση ήταν πως η εικόνα που έχει ο κόσμος για τα τροπικά νησιά με τις απέραντες παραλίες και τα πολυτελή ξενοδοχεία απέχει πολύ από την καθημερινότητα των ανθρώπων που ζουν εκεί.

Παρότι σχεδόν το 40% του πληθυσμού ζει κάτω από το όριο της φτωχείας, οι άνθρωποι είναι φιλικοί, ζεστοί, φιλόξενοι, χαμογελαστοί, και η λέξη που βγαίνει συνεχώς αβίαστα από τα χείλη τους προς τους ξένους είναι «μπούλα» – το πιο γλυκό καλωσόρισμα που μπορούν να προσφέρουν.

Μάλιστα δεν το λένε απλώς, το φωνάζουν, γιατί αν πουν χαμηλόφωνα «μπούλα» είναι σαν να εύχονται μια μέτρια ζωή σε κάποιον,

Χάνει έδαφος η ελληνική γλώσσα στην Αυστραλία

Ως ανησυχητικά χαρακτηρίζει τα στατιστικά δεδομένα εκμάθησης και χρήσης της ελληνικής γλώσσας στην Πολιτεία της Βικτώριας, στην Αυστραλία, η συντονίστρια Εκπαίδευσης Αυστραλίας - Νέας Ζηλανδίας, Γεωργία Νικολαΐδην.

Όπως ανάφερε σε εκδήλωση που διοργάνωσε η Ένωση Σχολείων Ελληνικής Γλώσσας και Πολιτισμού της Βικτώριας, τα στατιστικά στοιχεία δείχνουν ότι μέσα σε μία δεκαετία, από το 2001 έως το 2011, οι χρήστες της ελληνικής γλώσσας στην περιοχή μειώθηκαν κατά περίπου 15.000.

Όπως διαπίστωσε η Γ. Νικολαΐδην κατά τις επισκέψεις της σε σχολεία, η δεύτερη γενιά μεταναστών στην Αυστραλία μιλάει την ελληνική γλώσσα από ανάγκη, προκειμένου να επικοινωνεί με τους γονείς της. Ωστόσο, το αρνητικό είναι ότι δεν τη χρησιμοποιεί όταν επικοινωνεί με τα παιδιά της. Το αποτέλεσμα είναι ότι η πλειονότητα των τρίτης γενιάς Ελλήνων μεταναστών στην Αυστραλία δεν μιλάει, δεν γράφει ελληνικά, αλλά και δεν κατανοεί και την ελληνική γλώσσα.

Η Γεωργία Νικολαΐδην σημείωσε τον ιδιαίτερα σημαντικό ρόλο που διαδραματίζουν στην προώθηση και στη διατήρηση της ελληνικής γλώσσας και του πολιτισμού, τα απογευματινά και τα σαββατιανά σχολεία στην Αυστραλία.

Φ.ΧΑΡ.

Σε αδιέξοδο οι Έλληνες γουναράδες στη Νέα Υόρκη

ΦΙΛΟΖΩ·Ι·ΚΕΣ ΟΡΓΑΝΩΣΕΙΣ ΠΡΟΩΘΟΥΝ ΝΟΜΟ ΓΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΖΩΩΝ

Σε αδιέξοδο βρίσκονται οι Έλληνες γουναράδες στην πολιτεία της Νέας Υόρκης, αφού ο νόμος που προωθείται για την απαγόρευση της κατασκευής και πώλησης γούνας στην αμερικανική μεγαλούπολη, ολλά και σε ολόκληρη την πολιτεία, θα οδηγήσει σε δεκάδες λουκέτα και στην ανεργία εκαντοντάδες επιχειρηματίες και εργαζόμενους.

Ο νόμος προωθείται έπειτα από πλειστες φιλοζωικών οργανώσεων για προστασία των ζώων και οι γουναράδες εκτιμούν ότι το μέτρο, αν ψηφιστεί στη Νέα Υόρκη, θα υιοθετηθεί και από άλλες πολιτείες των ΗΠΑ.

Να σημειωθεί ότι στη Νέα Υόρκη ασχολούνται με τον κλάδο της γούνας περίπου 130 επιχειρήσεις, από τις οποίες οι 100 ανήκουν σε Έλληνες ομογενείς. Μάλιστα, αρκετές από αυτές είναι πολύ παλιές επιχειρήσεις, με δραστηριότητα πολλών δεκαετιών. Σε ό,τι αφορά τους εργαζόμενους στον χώρο της γουνοποιίας στη Νέα Υόρκη, υπολογίζονται σε περίπου 1.100, εκ των οποίων οι μισοί είναι Έλληνες.

Οι γουναράδες ετοιμάζουν μεγάλη καμπάνια για την αποτροπή ψήφισης του νόμου.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CYPRIOTS UK TO ALAN DUNCAN:

"Your statement is politically and legally unacceptable"

In an open letter to the Foreign Office minister Sir Alan Duncan, the National Federation of Cypriots in the UK strongly condemned his statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday, describing it as "politically and legally unacceptable". The letter, signed by the Federation President Christos Karaolis, is the following:

15 May 2019

Dear Minister

I'm writing to you following your response to an oral question by Bambo Charalambous MP regarding Turkey's illegal incursion into the Republic of Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone ("EEZ"), in Foreign Office Questions on Tuesday 14 May. In the response, you said "The position of the UK is that, in line with the UN convention on the law of the sea, exploratory drilling should not proceed in any area where sovereignty is under dispute".

In our correspondence on 8th March 2018, regarding the illegal incursion into Cyprus' EEZ last year by Turkey, you said not only that Her Majesty's Government ("HMG") recognises the right of the Republic of Cyprus to exploit its natural resources in its EEZ, but also that the "we [the UK] want to see exploration go ahead".

In addition, in response to a question from the Cyprus News Agency, the British High Commission in Nicosia, said that the UK "agrees" with the EU's High Representative statement (on behalf of the EU) on 4th May that was re-iterated on 13 May where Ms Mogherini said:

"I expressed on behalf of the European Union grave concern on the intention to carry out drilling activities within the Exclusive Economic Zone of Cyprus and the strong condemnation that we already expressed in March last year of Turkey's continued illegal actions in the Eastern Mediterranean. We call urgently on Turkey to show restraint, and respect for the sovereign rights of Cyprus in its Exclusive Economic Zone and refrain from any such illegal action to which the European Union will respond appropriately and in full solidarity with Cyprus."

Therefore, whilst I welcome the subsequent clarification that Mike Freer MP sought, I'm afraid that the response to Bambo Charalambous MP and subsequent Foreign & Commonwealth Office state-



ment, as it stands, is politically and legally unacceptable. The statement has left our community deeply disappointed and it prima facie appears to signal a shift in HMG policy. I hope that this is not the case. In line with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, the EEZ of the Republic of Cyprus is not under any dispute or in question. Turkey is attempting to drill in an area of the Republic of Cyprus' EEZ that has already been delineated with Egypt and has been accepted by the United Nations. The Republic of Cyprus has on multiple occasions, invited the Republic of Turkey to meet and delineate the Exclusive Economic Zones of the two countries, however sadly, Turkey declined. Instead Turkey has chosen to engage in unilateral illegal actions.

As the FCO said in the subsequent clarification to Mike Freer MP, the EEZ of the Republic of Cyprus is internationally agreed. Moreover, legally permitted licenses have been issued to US (ExxonMobil), French (TOTAL) and Italian (ENI) energy companies that have begun exploratory activities. On behalf of our community, I would welcome an urgent clarification regarding:

— Which areas of the Republic of Cyprus' EEZ, as you alluded to, does Her Majesty's Government recognise as "disputed" and by whom?

— If, contrary to the Republic of Cyprus' internationally agreed EEZ, Turkey chooses to dispute a part of the EEZ, should this prevent the Republic of

Cyprus from exercising its sovereign right to explore and exploit its natural resources?

In addition, we urge Her Majesty's Government to both publicly and privately call on Turkey to remove its drilling vessels and warships from the Republic of Cyprus' EEZ and to take action to ensure that this happens. The Labour Party, Scottish National Party, as well as individual Parliamentarians (including Rt Hon Sir Roger Gale MP, Bambo Charalambous MP, Matthew Offord MP, Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP, Julian Knight MP and Catherine West MP) have all condemned Turkey's illegal incursion and called on Turkey to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and immediately withdraw its drilling vessels and warships from Cyprus' EEZ.

The Republic of Cyprus remains a steadfast ally of the United Kingdom, both in the Commonwealth and in the EU, especially over the last two years during the Brexit negotiations. Furthermore, successful implementation of Cyprus' energy programme is very much in the UK's national interest, as it is critical to safeguarding and diversifying the future energy security of both the UK and Europe. In contrast, Turkey has been actively undermining the Western security system over recent years and has proven itself an unstable and unpredictable ally in NATO.

Therefore, it is deeply disappointing and disturbing that our Government is not clearly standing up for the Republic of Cyprus, while at the same time HMG Ministers continually emphasise the UK's adherence to the rules based international order and that the UK will become the invisible chain connecting democracies worldwide, post-Brexit. We expect that this pledge will be upheld in the case of Republic of Cyprus' sovereign rights in its declared and undisputed EEZ.

On behalf of our UK Cypriot community, we urge you to rapidly reconsider. As this issue is of deep concern to our community in the UK, this letter is being published.

I look forward to your response.

Christos Karaolis
President

On behalf of the Secretariat

The AGM of the National Federation elected its new leadership

On Thursday 9 May 2019, the Federation held its Annual General Meeting and biennial Secretariats elections.

Representatives of the Federation's member associations elected an election committee to oversee and ensure the smooth running of the voting. Christodoulos Stylianou, Honorary Vice-President of the Federation, was elected as Chair of the committee and the rest of the committee consisted of Aliki Koumettou, George Michael, Maria Paschali and George Yiakoumi.

Representatives of the Federation's member associations were then called up to vote and they duly elected the Federation's Secretariat for the term 2019-21. In addition to the thirty regular Secretariat positions, six 'Youth List' candidates were elected as well as three representatives of NEPOMAK UK as described by the Federation's

constitution. Votes were counted by Aliki Koumettou, George Michael, Maria Paschali, Victoria Kourvaros, Mary Lefteris, Maria Kyriakou, Androulla Stylianou, Christos Tutton and Adrian Patsalos. The results were announced by Christos Tutton on behalf of the election committee.

Once the Secretariat was elected, representatives of the Federation's member associations elected the Officers of the organisation. The full list of names and their positions can be found below.

The following were elected as Officers of the Federation:
President: Christos Karaolis
Vice-Presidents: Andreas Paapaevipides, Bambo Charalambous, Michalis Ellinas
General Secretary: Michael Kashis
Treasurer: Ninos Koumettou
Secretariat 2019-21 (A-Z by surname):
Agathou, Michael (35 votes)

Alexandrou, Constantine (elected via NEPOMAK UK)
Andronicou, Nicos (38 votes)
Charalambous, Bambo (50 votes)
Chimonas, Andreas (34 votes)
Constantinides, Susie (53 votes)
Ellinas, Michalis (42 votes)
Eracleous, Panikos (36 votes)
Georgiou, Andreas (43 votes)
Georgiou, Costas (46 votes)
Gregoriou, Andreas (43 votes)
Habeshis, Stephanos (elected via 'Youth List')
Hadjiphillipou, Savvas (elected via 'Youth List')
Harmanda, Katia (43 votes)
Ioannou, Chriso (elected via 'Youth List')

Karaolis, Christos (54 votes)
Karaolis, Mary Helen (50 votes)
Kashis, Michalis (45 votes)
Koumettou, Ninos (52 votes)
Koumettou, Yiannis (elected via 'Youth List')
Kouvaros, Ioannis (34 votes)
Kouvaros, Menicos (39 votes)

Lambrianos, Carmen Chrysanthi (elected via 'Youth List')
Mavrou, Vasilis (37 votes)
Michaelides, George (44 votes)
Nicolaou, Eoula (45 votes)
Nicolaou, Neophytos (47 votes)
Palazidou, Eleni (37 votes)
Papaevripides, Andreas (47 votes)
Pavlides, Savvas (42 votes)
Pippas, Christina (via 'Youth List')
Sakkas, Costas (37 votes)
Sawides, Andrew (elected via NEPO-MAK UK)

Theodoulou, George (42 votes)
Tutton, Christos (elected via NEPO-MAK UK)
Vourou, Tony (47 votes)
Yiakoumi, Michael (46 votes)

Yiakoumi, Panayiotis (32 votes)
Zachariades, Tasos (40 votes)

The following six also stood for election but were not elected:
Karseras, Andreas; Andronicou, Lakis; Constantinou, Nikolas; Ioannou, Panayiotis; Charalambous, Ioannis; Michaelides, Stelios.

EU leaders support Cyprus' proposal on sanctions

President Nicos Anastasiades has asked his EU counterparts to examine concrete measures against individuals and companies involved in exploratory drilling in the exclusive economic zone of Cyprus, a diplomatic source which wished to remain anonymous, told the press in Sibiu.

Leaders including Viktor Orban (Hungary), Dalia Grybauskaite (Lithuania), Stefan Loefven (Sweden) and Alexis Tsipras (Greece) voiced their support for the Cyprus request. According to the source, Chancellor Angela Merkel said she supports the interests of Cyprus, but these sanctions were not discussed at the informal Council.

The EU stands united behind Cyprus and expects Turkey to respect sovereign rights of the Member States

EU expects Turkey to respect Member States' sovereign rights, European Council President D.Tusk warned Ankara after a discussion of the EU27 on the issue of Turkey's illegal activities in the EEZ of Cyprus.

More specifically President Tusk stated that "President Anastasiades informed us about the Turkish activities in the exclusive economic zone", warning Turkey that "the EU stands united behind Cyprus and expects Turkey to respect sovereign rights of an EU member state". The EU will follow these events closely said the European Council President during the final Press conference of the informal European Council in Sibiu.

D.Tusk will convene another EU Summit on the 28th of May, in the aftermath of the European elections, that will primarily be occupied with nominations for the high European posts (Presidents of the Commission, the Council and the ECB). A diplomatic source told CNA that this follow up Summit will re-address the issue, depending on Turkey's stance in the meantime.

European Council is putting Turkey under supervision

Last Thursday the European Council is putting Turkey under supervision, Government Spokesman Prodromos Prodromos said after the Sibiu summit, expressing President Anastasiades' full satisfaction with the support he received from his counterparts.

The Spokesman said that the government and the President himself are pleased with the support from the EU partners at the informal European Council and the clear support by the President of the European Council who declared that the united Europe stands behind Cyprus, Prodromou pointed out.

He said that Donald Tusk has called on Turkey to respect the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus and has made it clear that the European Council will closely monitor Turkey's stance.

He said that this refers both to the extraordinary session of the European Council on 28 May and to the next European Council in June.

No change - no progress on the discussions between Conservatives and Labour

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The National Federation of Cypriots in the UK calling on MPs to condemn Turkey and calling on Turkey to remove drillship:

The National Federation of Cypriots in the UK calling on MPs to condemn Turkey and calling on Turkey to remove drillship from Cyprus EEZ. Already responded:

Fabian Hamilton (Labour Shadow Peace Minister) is condemning Turkey and calling on Turkey to remove drillship.

Stephen Gethins (SNP Foreign Affairs Spokesman) writes to British Foreign Secretary and calling on Turkey to remove drillship.

Sir Roger Gale on behalf of the Cyprus APPG is calling for the withdrawals of drillship and warships.

President Anastasiades gets positive response by EU leaders on Turkey's violations

EU partners responded positively to the President of the Republic, Nikos Anastasiades, following his intervention at the Sibiu Summit, last Thursday, something that reflected in a statement by the President of the European Council.

Speaking on Euronews, the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nikos Anastasiadis, stated during the informal meeting of the EU27 in Sibiu, Romania, that "the European Council will monitor the issue of the Turkish challenges in the Cypriot EEZ either on 28 May we will have the extraordinary Council either in the June regular Council and, accordingly, the decisions will be taken".

The President of the Republic asked what he had asked his counterparts at the Informal European Council and what was the response he had, the President said that "I have briefed on everything that has happened not only recently but all along on the challenges with Turkey,



but in particular the very recent one, which in my view is a second invasion against the Republic of Cyprus in violation of international law, the Law of the Sea, etc" he stated.

"The response was positive from the point of view of the partners and a declaration will be made by the President of the European Council that will reflect this support to the Republic of Cyprus by its partners."

Asked if he would call for something more practical from the EU, the President said that "I have been

saying what I could ask from today. What matters is the European Council's position that it will be monitoring the issue either on 28 May when we have the extraordinary Council or the regular Council of June and, accordingly, the decisions to be taken will be made".

He also added that "in my intervention I have presented examples where the EU, not for candidate countries, but for third states, have been specifically sanctioned for violations of international law". He added that "I have very strong-

ly intervened on Turkey's failure to meet its obligations as candidate country vis- -vis a Member State, demonstrating disrespect, if you wish, with its obligations vis- -vis not only the Member State but also Europe itself."

The President said he pointed out to his counterparts that "Turkey does not seem to understand words" and strongly indicated that "in practice, the EU should demonstrate that, as it treats third countries, much more so and act for the Member States" noting that we are "a few weeks before the progress report on the accession negotiations".

He concluded by saying that "since the European Council is only informal today and does not take decisions, no decisions will be made and if Turkey continues to violate international law, they will be taken in time", noting that there will be follow-up of the issue at the Extraordinary Council of 28 May and then to the formal one to be held in June."

FM Christodoulides calls for collective EU action against Turkey's illegal actions in Cyprus' EEZ

Foreign Minister Nicos Christodoulides has called "collective action" by the EU on the basis of the EU Treaties' provisions over Turkey's illegal Turkish actions within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Republic of Cyprus, speaking during the EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting in Brussels on Tuesday.

The Minister talked towards the end of the meeting and his positions were supported by France, Greece and other countries as well as the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini, who said that she speaks on behalf of everyone and stressed that "this time we have to act with determination".

The Foreign Minister presented to his counterparts the state of affairs and the latest developments regarding the escalation of the Turkish provocation within the Republic of Cyprus, with the attempted drilling in violation of the sovereign rights of Cyprus and of European and international law.

The situation requires collective and concrete action by the Union on the basis of the provisions of the EU Treaties and the joint statements of the Union on this subject," he said.

In this context, he stressed that with its actions, Turkey does not act against the Republic of Cyprus energy plans, but against the interests of the whole EU.

"Turkey has rejected dialogue and international legitimacy", Minister Christodoulides said noting that Cyprus has "repeatedly called on Turkey to start talks on the delimitation of maritime zones, a proposal it rejected.

In addition, he stated that "neither the messages sent by the EU and our partners in a spirit of solidarity seem to have been heard so far by



Turkey. To the contrary, Ankara continues its provocative actions a few weeks before and since the adoption of the Progress Report in relation to its accession course and in violation of the commitments it has made towards the Union", he stressed.

"As the High Representative has said at the press conference today, the EU continues to be very concerned about Turkey's actions and calls on Turkey to show restraint, to respect the sovereign rights of Cyprus in its EEZ and to abstain from any such illegal action in which, as she said, the EU will respond in an appropriate manner and in full solidarity with Cyprus, something that was stressed as the Foreign Ministers' clear position today in full solidarity with Cyprus," the Foreign Minister said.

It should be noted that, on the margins of the meeting, the Foreign Minister had separate discussions on this issue, among others, with Mogherini, the Commissioner for European

Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Johannes Hahn, the Greek Foreign Minister George Katrougalos and the Croatian Foreign Minister Marija Pejcinovic Buric.

The Council's agenda included a series of issues related to the EU's external relations. In particular, the Foreign Ministers exchanged views on the situation in Venezuela, the latest developments in relation to Iran's nuclear programme agreement, and the current developments in Libya and the Sahel region.

Christodoulides also attended the meeting of the EU Foreign Ministers and the countries participating in the Eastern Partnership (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine) on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. On the sidelines of the Eastern Partnership meeting, the minister had a bilateral meeting with Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister, before departing for an official visit to Kazakhstan.

CYPRUS NATIONAL COUNCIL AGREES

Turkish provocations in Cyprus' EEZ hinder efforts for resumption of peace talks

The National Council, the top advisory body to the President on the Cyprus issue, on Saturday agreed that the Turkish provocations in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone hinder efforts for the resumption of the peace talks, under the UN aegis.

The Council convened in the morning and issued an unanimous announcement it which it condemns Turkey's illegal activities.

Government Spokesman Prodromos Prodromou read the announcement to the press pointing out that the Council has condemned the flagrant violation of the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey in the island's EEZ and all other illegal activities by Turkey that violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic.



The National Council urgently calls for the immediate termination of all Turkish acts and threats of violence, in order to reduce tension and show respect for peace and security in the Eastern Mediterranean.

It also underlines the importance of solidarity with the Republic of Cyprus on behalf of the European Union and the international community.

Moreover the National Council reaffirms its commitment to the peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem through the United Nations procedures and points out that the Turkish actions undermine and hamper these efforts. Prodromou said that the National Council stresses that without termination of Turkey's unlawful actions, there can be no favourable prospects to continue efforts for a resumption of the Cyprus talks.

Elpidophoros elected "unanimously" as Archbishop of America

The new Archbishop of America, Elpidophoros, was elected unanimously by the members of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Holy Synod, according to a press release from the Phanar on Saturday.

"The Holy and Sacred Synod, continuing its work, proceeded to fill the vacated seat of the Archdiocese of America following the voluntary resignation of its shepherd, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America," the press office of the Holy Synod said in a press release.

"Therefore, following the suggestion, permission and exhortation of His All Holiness, the holy synodal members duly casting their votes unanimously elected as Archbishop of America His Eminence Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa, Abbott of the Holy Monastery of the Holy Trinity in Halki and Professor of the Theological School of the Aristoteleian University of Thessaloniki," it added.

Elpidophoros, who was Metropolitan of Proussa, is replacing Demetrios who stepped down earlier this month.

Christoupoloios bishop Makarios was elected to replace the late Stylianos of Australia as Archbishop to the vast continent.

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Brexit: "No significant shift" by ministers in talks, says McDonnell

There has been no "significant shift" by the government in cross-party Brexit talks, John McDonnell has said. The shadow chancellor said Labour had not seen enough movement from ministers, especially on the issue of a customs union with the EU, adding: "We're not near what we want."

Cabinet discussed the state of the talks on Tuesday, which have been going on for weeks with little sign of progress.

Mr McDonnell insisted Labour had "compromised in some areas".

He also criticised a letter from 13 former Tory cabinet ministers and Sir Graham Brady, chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, to Theresa May, urging her not to agree a deal with Labour that includes a customs union.

Speaking at a Wall Street Journal event in London, he said "the customs union element is absolutely key to us", but the letter gave the party "no security" that any deal done would be honoured in the long-term - especially once Mrs May is replaced as Tory leader.

"We've gone into this in really good

faith, we've tried to put party politics to one side..." Mr McDonnell said.

"Our big problem now is if we're going to march our troops in Parliament to the top of the hill to vote for a deal and then that's overturned, literally, in weeks, I think that would be a cataclysmic act of bad faith."

"Imperative"

Attempts to find a cross-party compromise began after Theresa May's Brexit deal was rejected three times by MPs.

The inability to agree on a way forward led the UK to miss its 29 March deadline for leaving the EU - the current date for departure is 31 October.

Following Tuesday's cabinet meeting, BBC political correspondent Nick Eardley said ministers had agreed that talks with Labour would continue.

So far both sides have resisted calls to set a deadline on the negotiations.

But the prime minister's official spokesman said the government believed it was "imperative" that the Withdrawal Agreement Bill - the legislation required

to leave the EU - was brought to Parliament in time for it pass all its stages by the summer recess.

No date has so far been set for the summer recess, but Parliament usually rises towards the end of July.

Robbins in Brussels

The cabinet discussions came as the PM's Brexit negotiator Olly Robbins travelled to Brussels to explore the scope for changes to the political declaration between the UK and the EU.

The document sets out the parameters for the future relationship, and Labour negotiators have insisted that any deal they strike with ministers must be reflected in changes to it.

Labour wants to agree a permanent and comprehensive customs union with the EU after Brexit, with close alignment to the single market.

Inside a customs union there would be no internal tariffs (taxes) on goods sold between the UK and remaining EU countries.

But it would mean the UK cannot ne-



gotiate its own trade deals on goods with other countries around the world, something many Brexit-supporting Tory MPs support.

A Downing Street source told BBC political editor Laura Kuensberg that a compromise was being sought with Labour on customs "as an interim position or a stepping stone".

"We will not sign up to a permanent customs union," the source said.

Mr McDonnell also said during talks,

Labour had told ministers they "may well have to concede that there is a public vote of some sort" to get a deal through Parliament.

"We need to test the numbers on that. And at the moment there has not been much of a shift", he said.

At the weekend, shadow Brexit secretary Sir Keir Starmer said a "significant number, probably 120 if not 150" of Labour MPs would not back deal without a "confirmatory vote".

The new Innovation Model I have developed constitutes a step-by-step Guidethat helps both Public Sector and Businesses generate more and better innovations. It is an end-to-end innovation process blueprint which includes amongst others, a total of 32 creative, strategic, commercialization and sustainability evaluation factors and selection criteria:



by Nicos G. Sykas,
Strategy &
Innovation
Consultant

1. Good product; quality. Most startups fail because they have the wrong product.
2. Value-creating insight. Real solution to a real problem. Does it solve a painful problem, meet a need or create customer value? Is there a gap in the market?
3. Supremely consumer-centric: solve the pain points or facilitate moments of joy in people's lives. Treat consumers as co-producers of value, encouraging a two-way dialogue. Enhance human experience.
4. Creative excellence: _he idea should be original, unique, authentic, singular and impactful.
5. The concept should be useful, simple and instantly understandable, contextually relevant and engaging / likeable.
6. Elasticity, adaptability, practicality.
7. Ease of implementation; the concept must be realizable.
8. Customer metrics. The closer you can define your target market and customer profiles, the better you can integrate this data into your sales forecast.
9. Test and validate the ideas with customers.
10. Iterate your way to product / market fit; constantly developing your product and business model to ensure the widest and deepest possible growth in terms of users.
11. Timing; customer readiness.
12. Differentiated branding and positioning, product / market fit and successful advertising during both launch and growth phases help startups / spinoffs

The Swiss Army Knife of Innovation

bridge the «Valley of Death».

13. Validate the business plan.
14. Realistic and well-documented assumptions; a complete value chain model.
15. Does it provide a sustainable competitive advantage?
16. Value proposition vscompetition; danger of being outcompeted.
17. Innovation is inherently uncertain. In a startup we need to increase exploration, randomness and variability.
18. Strategic planning and risk assessment; mitigation measures.
19. Produce antifragile innovations (resilient, future-proof, gets better with time).The design—the structure—of an innovation should be such that it exploits and benefits from volatility, variability, randomness, uncertainty and time by minimizing exposure and harm from negative (unfavorable) asymmetries and maximizing exposure and benefit from positive (favorable) asymmetries – more upside than downside from volatility and randomness.
20. The field of innovation is concerned with finding «Black Swans», rare events that capture significant returns.A«Black Swan»is a rare, unpredictable event that has a major effect (large magnitude and consequence) – it carries an extreme impact (positive asymmetries or negative asymmetries). The «Black Swan» and «Antifragility» theories were developed by Professor Nassim Nicholas Taleb, the world's leading authority on Risk Management.
21. You can increase your innovation success rate by ensuring that your business model links market needs with emerging and exponential technologies – this is where positive Black Swans can usually be spotted.

22. Strong team. Grow the human resources and decision-making capacity of your firm: Ensure that your talent and governance structures are continually evolving to meet growth requirements.

23. Securing finance – make sure you have the financial resources to grow, either using organic cash flow or external financing.

24. Startups / Spinoffs:avoid capital-heavy investments (like property); invest in market share and market growth.

25. Friendly business ecosystem; culture of creativity and innovation; regulatory framework that promotes innovation.

26. Entrepreneurial Infrastructure –Incubators, Accelerators, Innovation Hubs, Co-working Spaces.

27. Expected results and impacts; direct and indirect, short and long term impact; have potential for longevity.

28. Added value – local, regional, European impact.

29. Scalability with global outlook.

30. The New Innovation / Business Model should synergistically create economic, social and environmental value.

31. Transferability in other policy areas, disciplines and purposes. The new Innovation Paradigm uses Metaphors and Analogies as creative mechanisms for transforming and transferring innovative ideas from one context and situation to another.Analogies highlight non-obvious similarities between two things that appear to be dissimilar, and individuals solve novel problems by making analogic connections to other problems they have faced in the past and by adopting and adapting their existing solutions to fit the new problem.

32. Five core values of innovation: Questioning,

risk taking, openness, patience and trust. These values are the foundation of innovation. As group, they determine the capacity of change for an individual, organization, or nation.

The new Innovation System:

a) Combines ideas, concepts, elements, symbols, features or capabilities from the four basic types of innovation: product, process, organizational and marketing; it may also involve the combination of innovations. This interactive process creates novel connections, multiple perspectives and diverse combinatorial possibilities. By overseeing the nature of the interconnections amongst the four innovation types we can zoom into the interface, focus on different aspects, iterate through all possibilities, discern alternatives and increase the probability for breakthrough innovation.

b) Brings together all key stakeholders (central government, local authorities, academia, business, suppliers, customers, civil society) disciplines and units (Engineering, Design, Information and Communication Technology, Organizational Psychology, Marketing, Branding). Such a multidisciplinary approach promotes collaboration and interaction and enhances creativity and innovation (cross-fertilization of ideas and disruption of "silo-thinking"). The intersection of different fields, domains, disciplines and networks creates new opportunities for growth and innovation.

The Innovation Toolkit I have prepared also includes a special section on creative branding and effective differentiation – two critical parameters in the innovation process.

The flexible, dynamic tool briefly described above can: a) Offer multiple benefits within the Horizon Europe 2021–2027, the new EU program for research and innovation (facilitating cross-disciplinary, cross-sector and cross actor innovation to achieve multiple, bottom-up solutions) and b) help turn Cyprus into a regional new innovation and training hub.

New Committee for the Rizokarpasso Association in Britain

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Rizokarpasso held at the Greek Cypriot Brotherhood, North Finchley, gave the opportunity for the members present to discuss the many challenges faced by Cyprus and the specific issues regarding Rizokarpasso, especially in relation to the plight of compatriots who have been enclaved for over 44 years and denied basic human rights. The members reported incidents that they have been made aware of by their enclaved relatives and which will be followed up by the Committee. The members passed a Resolution to be modified as appropriate and sent to the UK Prime Minister, President of the USA, President of the European Commission, President of the European Council, President of the European Parliament, UN Secretary General, NATO Secretary General, Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Nations and the President of the Republic of Cyprus.

Maria Karaolis, the President, presented a report of the Association's activities since the last Annual General Meeting. Andreas Gavrielides, the Treasurer, presented the Financial Report



and Tony Vouros the Auditors Report. The meeting finished with all the members enjoying souvlakia, catching up on news and discussing their arrangements for the Association's summer trip to Eastbourne on Sunday 23rd June and to the Annual Dinner & Dance of the Association on Saturday 30th November.

The 10 Executive Committee members for the period 2019-2021 are shown below. The strength of the Association is evident by the fact that the committee includes British born Cypriots and members who were born in Rizokarpasso and still have enclaved relatives there: **Maria Karaolis, Andreas Gavrielides, Yiannis Chronias, Demetris Nicola, Nicki Elia, Andriana Maria Demetriou, Andreas Joannou, Maria Panteli, Kate Christoforou, Andreas Strongolou.**

The letter to Thereza May

Dear Prime Minister

Today at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Rizokarpasso in Britain we resolved to call upon you not to waver from the principles that UK Governments have set out regarding human rights and the upholding of international law. Rizokarpasso had nearly 4,000 Greek Cypriots prior to the 1974 Turkish invasion, they have now been reduced to 228 enclaved Greek Cypriots, who on a daily basis are denied basic human rights, and the properties of the Rizokarpasso refugees have been occupied by settlers from Turkey.

RESOLUTION SENT TO THE UK PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER LEADERS



The 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus and the continued occupation of Cyprus by over 40,000 Turkish troops and over 200,000 settlers from Turkey violates human rights, fundamental freedoms and social justice and the very principles at the heart of democracy. Turkey is in flagrant violation of International Law and of

eating the boundaries of its EEZ and continental shelf to the United Nations. There has already been strong international condemnation expressed regarding Turkey's latest actions.

We ask that our UK Government takes sustained action to ensure Turkey removes its warships and drillship from Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone and respects the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and International Law. The Republic of Cyprus must be allowed to exercise its sovereign and legal right to explore and exploit its natural resources, uninhibited. A sovereign right which must be respected according to international law. At a time when the coalition nations have been using UK bases in Cyprus for global security reasons it is important that powerful nations and international bodies act with integrity to stop Turkey from threatening and violating the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus, which is an EU state, a member of the UN and of the Commonwealth and is a democracy that provides stability, support and refuge in a volatile region. The UK is a permanent member of the UN Security Council, a leading member of NATO and of the Commonwealth, a member of the Council of Europe, is still a member of the European Union, and has sovereign bases on the island: no other state has such vested historic, cultural, strategic and national interests in Cyprus.

the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions including General Assembly Resolution 3212 (1974). Furthermore, it is in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which forbids an occupying power to transfer parts of its own population into the territory it occupies.

Turkey has proven time and again that it cannot refrain from interfering in Cyprus' affairs. Turkey's rhetoric is clear that it intends to continue to take unilateral actions and use its military power so that Turkey, itself, benefits from Cyprus' natural resources. There have been countless occasions where the Turkish warship, 'Barbaros', has entered Cyprus' territory without the consent of the Cypriot Government. In the last week, this has escalated as "Barbaros" and the drilling ship, "Fatih" (which translates to "Conqueror" in English), have arrived in Cyprus' EEZ with the intent to start drilling for natural resources.

The President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nicos Anastasiades, has described Turkey's recent illegal incursion as a "second invasion" and it comes nearly 45 years after Turkish troops landed in Cyprus in July 1974. Cypriot authorities have taken steps to issue an international arrest warrant for the crew of 'Fatih' and all those involved in the illegal drilling operation. They are also examining a series of other possible measures, within the context of EU and International law. Cypriot Foreign Minister, Nikos Christodoulides, has confirmed that Cyprus has submitted the coordinates delin-

ting the boundaries of its EEZ and continental shelf to the United Nations. There has already been strong international condemnation expressed regarding Turkey's latest actions.

- a) The reunification of the island and people of Cyprus.
- b) The removal of all Turkish troops from Cyprus.
- c) The repatriation to Turkey of over 200,000 illegal settlers in Cyprus.
- d) The return of all properties to their lawful owners.
- e) The return of all the refugees to their homes and properties in safety.
- f) The abolition of the anachronistic Guarantor Status held by other countries.
- g) The full and effective investigation of the fate of all the missing persons.

A NEW PLAY WRITTEN BY PANAYIOTA PANTELI

"Back to Hackney" at Theatro Technis

This is the premier of a new play written and directed by Panayiota Panteli called 'Back to Hackney' at London's THEATRO TECHNIS. Also features a Greek/Cypriot cast and crew.

About "Back to Hackney"

Inspired by real life events and the recent drastic cuts to adult social care in the UK, this heart-warming drama set in a spinal rehabilitation ward, explores one disabled woman's journey to avoid being institutionalised by the authorities and her desperate fight to get back to her flat in Hackney!

Panayiota has been championing accessible working environments for all, by actively casting working parents, carers, and people with disabilities; arranging rehearsal times to accommodate childcare requirements of the cast, allowing actors to bring their children to rehearsals. More information about this, and the background inspiration behind the play, is included in the attached Press Release.



This work launches Theatro Technis initiative to champion women's voices in the arena of new writing.

Tickets are only available online and we are pleased to say selling out fast! Please use the link: <https://www.tictailor.com/events/back-to-hackney>

Writer/Director: Panayiota Panteli <http://www.backtohackney.com>
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Recently selected for the BFI Writers Lab and is an alumni of the Talent Campus at London Screenwriters Festival.

Cast includes: Teresa Taylor, Kathryn Perkins, Panos Savvides, Lucy Christofi Christy, Anna Antoniades.

Show details:

Event: Theatre production – "Back to Hackney"

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Town 10 mins walk. Buses 46 & 214 stop in Crowndale Road near the theatre. Buses 24, 27, 29, 88, 134, 168 & 253 all stop nearby in Camden High Street

Running time: 90 minutes with an interval

Cheaper calls to other EU countries

As of yesterday, Wednesday May 15, a new maximum price will apply for all international calls and SMS within the EU, the European Commission has announced.

As a result, consumers calling from their country to another EU country will pay a maximum amount of 19 cents per minute (around 16 pence +VAT) and 6 cents per SMS message (around 5 pence +VAT).

Following the end of roaming charges in June 2017, these new price caps for international calls and SMS in the EU are part of the EU-wide overhaul of telecoms rules to strengthen coordination of electronic communications and enhance the role of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC).

The new rules for international calls tackle large price discrepancies that previously existed between Member States.

On average, the standard price of a fixed or mobile intra-EU call was three times higher than the standard price of a domestic call, and the standard price of an intra-EU SMS message more than twice as expensive as a domestic one.

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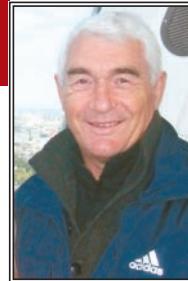


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Thursday 16th May 2019



BY MIKKOS CHRYSOSTOMOU

- PAO FINAL CHALLENGE WITH ANORTHOSIS
- OLYMPIA PLOTTING REVENGE IN DIV FINAL
- KOPA CUP FINALS AT HARINGEY STADIUM

KOPA's champions Anorthosis booked a second Cup final date to put them on course for domestic treble. In their way is the formidable Olympia and Second Division champions PAO. Olympia did their best to stop the champions on Sunday going down by the odd goal of five in the Challenge Cup.

Olympia now have a chance to avenge Sunday's defeat when they take on Dino Ippokratos' team in the final of the Division One Cup on Wednesday May 23rd 7.45 pm at Haringey stadium. Those Arsenal and Chelsea supporters who intend to go to Baku, I am afraid, will have trouble getting back for this game, especially as I expect that to go into extra time and even penalties.

In the Challenge Cup Anorthosis will face Division Two champions PAO who themselves are chasing a treble as champions of Division Two. They face Cinar in the divisional Cup on Wednesday night May 15th 7.45 pm at Haringey Borough Stadium.

KOPA have secured the Haringey Stadium for the Cup finals and playing mid week has in the past paid dividends in that it has attracted more spectators and hopefully it will do so again. Cinar have the experience having won this competition before but PAO will start favourites to achieve the double.

KOPA CHALLENGE CUP SEMI FINAL

OLYMPIA.....2
ANORTHOSIS3

KOPA's top two teams Olympia and Anorthosis put up another outstanding display in the semi final of the Challenge Cup. It was tense and competitive throughout worthy of a final and five outstanding goals.

Olympia started on the front foot making the early running creating some good openings. Make shift keeper Nick Nickou twice foiled Elia Katsouloudis and Ahmet Rifat to prevent Olympia taking a deserved lead.

Anorthosis chase treble after 3-2 win



CHAMPIONS ANORTHOSIS CHASE TREBLE AFTER 3-2 SEMI FINAL WIN

Steve Cinotti's team wasted other opportunities that were to prove costly as Adem Ali with a terrific strike cutting in from the left to hit a right foot shot past Alkipinar. It was against the run of play and before Olympia could regroup Rakim Richards made it 2-0 with a clever flick after some good work by Andre McCollins. Anorthosis were now playing with more confidence and controlled the game. Olympia did manage to get one back just before the break when Ricky Lucas put in an inviting cross for Rifat to head powerfully past Nickou to end the half 2-1

for Dino Ippokratos' team.

Steve Cinotti could calm down at the break to give his team talk probably stressing that they had

rears to 3-2 with a goal from Elia Katsouloudis. We then had a tense last five minutes as Olympia pushed for an equaliser but Anorthosis held on for a date



ANORTHOSIS MANAGEMENT

to be more clinical in front of goal otherwise their general play was good. Anorthosis knew they had to tighten up, otherwise those Olympia chances might be positive in the second half. Ahmet Rifat missed a golden opportunity to level when his lob just cleared the bar and Alfie Bartram went close with a long effort. Anorthosis had wasted some chances until Adem Ali once more beat the brave Alkipinar to make it 3-1.

At this point the game got a bit untidy as some players decide it was time to stop playing football. Referee James Keane just like his late dad Tommy stood firm to keep control to keep the game going. With the calmest player on the pitch in young Julio Cinotti, Olympia made a late effort reducing the ar-

us and will be greatly appreciated.

It was disappointing to see only a handful of people watching the game but then again it was billed for New River Sports stadium at 11.30 and ended up playing at 10.00 am at Whittington Astro. So if we want to get people out to watch KOPA games there should be more communication between the media and KOPA.

Teams; Olympia; Alkipinar, Kaptouris, Wright, Kannaris, Cinotti, Katsouloudis, Rifat, Gritil, Lucas, Burnamon, Bertram.

Anorthosis; Nickou, Vazanias, Scott, Stylianou, Theocharis, Richards, Salangou, Ali, McCollins, Alkiviadou, Ethan.

The Komi Kebir Football team 30yr anniversary BBQ!

Date -Sunday 16th June 18

Venue- Radiomarathon Centre Turkey St EN1 4NW, Time- 12-5pm.

We are delighted to announce that Komi Kebir FC is hosting an end of season BBQ to celebrate 30 years in KOPA! On the day there will be souvlakia and drinks, bouncy castles for children. There will also be a football tournament for you to enter, run by the current coaches of the team. You will see old friends and teammates and meet the current squad of players that are building on the legacy that the great Savva Savvides left us.

We are doing our utmost to uphold our tradition and provide a platform for young Greek and Cypriot footballers to enjoy their football and develop themselves. Your support is invaluable to us and will be greatly appreciated.

It will be a day full of laughter and fun and we look forward to welcoming you!

Ticket information:

Tickets to be purchased in advance are: £10 adults, £5 children U12, £10 to enter football tournament.

If you would like to sponsor the event (£250 or £500) including a free advert & banner please contact us.

Also, we will have a brochure - £60 for a full page if anyone is interested.

If you would like tickets/sponsorship or brochure adverts please contact

Mario Christou on 07585300880.

Komi Kebir FC

Last gasp winner seals promotion for Under 14 White

As the grassroots youth football season draws to a close, titles, cup final places and promotion issues are being decided for community grassroots club Omonia Youth FC, sponsored by PIA Financial Group and Philip Ross Solicitors.

Last Sunday Michael Pieri's Under 14 White knew one more win from their remaining two matches would seal promotion. Playing away, the Under 14 White got into their stride early on and after two near misses deservedly took the lead through top scorer Noel Allen. More chances came and went but a defensive mix up at a corner led to the equaliser. The opposition also had plenty to play for and needed a win to keep

ultimately rewarding match. Coach Michael was rightly proud of his team as he said: "Getting out this division was the season's priority and the boys have been fantastic in their commitment and endeavour to make it happen. They deserve their joy."

Barrington and Demi Shiamishi's Under 15 Green continued their fine recent form and won a thrilling league game 3-2. Goals were scored by Julian, Alexi G and Koby. Savva was named Man of the Match. It has been a turnaround season for the Under 15 Green as where they were once relegation fodder they have now moved up to third place. A fantastic improvement.

Panos Papa-Michael, Elias Constanti



"WE ARE GOING UP". UNDER 14 WHITE CELEBRATE VICTORY, THREE POINTS AND PROMOTION



COMMUNITY SPIRIT AS UNDER 10 WHITE AND THEIR OPPONENTS LONDON COLNEY YOUTH JAGUARS PROMOTE INCLUSION, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND DIVERSITY IN FOOTBALL

their promotion hopes alive. They started the second half stronger and took the lead. The Under 14 White equalised almost immediately, a goal scored again by Noel. With 10 minutes to go Alfonso Rosselli scored to make it 3-2 but an error at the back again gifted the home side a goal. 3-3 with minutes to go, it was fitting that one of the team's original members scored after a goalmouth scramble, Santino Raia getting the goal with just two minutes to go. Scenes of jubilation and relief met the final whistle as the win confirmed promotion. It has been a season of success for the Under 14 White as in addition to promotion they also made it to two cup quarter-finals and a semi-final too. Noel Allen was named Man of the Match but every player made a positive contribution in what was pulsating, nervous but

and Andy Michael's Under 15 Gold ended the league campaign on a high with a 6-3 win. The game was open and played in good spirit and the large crowd very much enjoyed the game and witnessed some wonderful goals. Man of the Match Andreas Polycarpou got four goals with Fabion Zylfi and Zack also on the score sheet. The team now have two weeks to prepare for the Challenge Cup Final. Come on You Greens!

Mario Demetriou, Johnny Othona and Elvis Leon's Under 12 Green battled well to a 2-2 draw. The boys had opportunities to win the game but they couldn't quite convert the chances that were created. Nevertheless with four league games left, there is plenty to play for. Goals were scored by Nat and Alex with Zach named Man of the Match.

At the Radiomarathon Centre in En-

field, the Under 18 Greens ended their season with a 3-1 defeat however overall the season has been a very positive one by finishing in a high league position, enjoying long cup runs and of course the very special trip to Cyprus earlier in the year.

The only goal was scored by Andreas Georgiou and the Man of the Match award was very fittingly awarded for the performances of two long-standing young footballers who have served the club superbly. On Sunday, both Charlie Constanti and Antoni Kyprianou played their last games for the club.

Antoni is the son of ex-Chairman Kypros Kyprianou and the younger brother to Andreas and Harry, who both previously played for Omonia for many years. The family have and continue to be involved in the Club and we thank



END OF AN ERA FOR LONG SERVING OYFC FOOTBALLERS ANTONI KYPRIANOU AND CHARLIE CONSTANTI

them all for their positive impact over the years.

Charlie is the son of ex-Chairman Elia Constanti and on Sunday he completed 11 consecutive seasons for Omonia Youth with the same heart and desire as he did from day one as a 7 year old; a fantastic achievement and a great ambassador over the years for the Club.

At the other end of age scale, Kyri Eleftheriou and Myri Demetriou's Under 10 White showed at the end of their game that community spirit extends beyond club affiliation. Both the Under 10 White and their opponents London Colney Youth Jaguars showed a united front to promote Kicking Racism Out of football (see photo). As for the match, both teams showed determination and both produced great performances as

the game was played in a positive, competitive and fair spirit. Both Myri and Kyri commented that it is always a pleasure to take the pitch against this team and their coaches. Both coaches were also rightly very proud of their team and their strong performance in what was their final game of the season and final game in 7-a-side format.

Should you feel enthused and want to know more about Omonia Youth FC, you can contact the club at omoniayouthfootballclub@hotmail.com, via the contact page on the club's website www.omoniayouthfc.com as well as following the club on twitter @OmoniaYouthFC and Instagram @omoniayouthfc1994.

