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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Nicosia, 7 July 2005

H.E. Mr. Christian Mejdahl,  
President of the Danish Parliament,  
Copenhagen.

Dear Mr. President,

I should like to hereby transmit to you copy of a self-explanatory Resolution on the British Bases in Cyprus, unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus on 30 June 2005, after a debate in plenary.

I trust that you will give this matter serious consideration, guided by the universal principles we share and uphold and that you will bring it to the attention of all Members of your Parliament, as well as to the attention of your country's Government.

Allow me to seize this opportunity to renew, dear Mr. President, the expression of my highest esteem and friendliest sentiments.

Yours sincerely,

Demetris Christofias,  
President of the House of Representatives  
of the Republic of Cyprus.



## RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**The House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus,**

*Having debated* the issue of the political and legal aspects of the presence of the British Bases in Cyprus,

*Considering* relevant UN decisions for the abolition of colonialism, as well as fundamental principles of International Law, which prohibit the occupation of areas outside the territory of any other country,

*Considering also* the fact that the British Bases were established in Cyprus according to the Treaty of Establishment, as well as considering the conditions prevailing at the time of the Treaty's signature,

*Recalling* its Resolution 52(1979) on the issue of the British Bases,

*Recognizing* the negative consequences, which the operation of the British Bases has on the human rights and quality of life of Cypriot citizens who live in the Bases' area, as well as the risk of the Bases' being involved in hostile military activities against friendly states in the southeastern Mediterranean region,

*Underlining* United Kingdom's treaty obligations to settle payments (including rent) for facilities provided by the Republic of Cyprus for the operation of the Bases,

### **Votes as follows:**

1. *Declares* that the United Kingdom has no sovereignty over the British Bases' territory, even in the framework of the Treaty of Establishment, but a commitment simply to use these areas for specific military purposes.
2. *Stresses* that the British Bases may not be used for aggression purposes, which result in the violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of independent states and in the undermining of international peace and security.

3. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom to fulfill its financial obligations to the Republic of Cyprus, as these emanate from the Treaty of Establishment. It also calls upon the Government of the Republic of Cyprus to explore all appropriate legal means for claiming the sums owed by the United Kingdom to the Republic.
4. *Considers* that the operation of the British Bases must not violate the rights of the citizens of the Republic of Cyprus, who reside in the Bases areas, nor can it negatively affect the environment and human health and must, consequently, be consistent with international conventions, Republic of Cyprus legislation and the Acquis Communautaire.
5. *Supports* the final settlement of the issue of the presence of the British Bases in the framework of International law, including the principles of respect for state sovereignty and peoples' self-determination.
6. *Affirms* its steadfast support for Cyprus' full demilitarization.
7. *Considers* this resolution as expressive of the House's opposition to the inclusion of provisions relating to the British Bases as they appear in the Constitutional Treaty for Europe.

30 June 2005.