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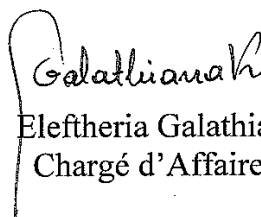
Copenhagen, 2 October, 2009

Excellency,

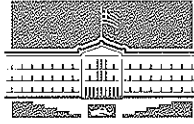
I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter –accompanied by a courtesy translation in English- addressed to you by H. E. Mr Dimitris Sioufas, President of the Hellenic Parliament, concerning the unresolved Cyprus issue and more specifically the fate of the missing persons since July 1974, during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

A copy of this letter was forwarded to your Excellency on 27 August, 2009, (our ref. No.2030.226/5/AS 742).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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His Excellency Mr Thor Pedersen
President of the Danish Parliament
Copenhagen



HELLENIC PARLIAMENT

THE PRESIDENT

Courtesy translation

Athens, 26 August 2009

**H.E. Mr Thor Pedersen
President of the Danish Parliament
Kingdom of Denmark**

Honourable President,

Since 1974, all governments and political forces of Greece and the Republic of Cyprus have been making joint efforts to resolve the Cyprus issue with the view to achieving a comprehensive and mutually acceptable solution that will bring down the last dividing wall in Europe, liberate the occupied territories of the Republic of Cyprus and restore its integrity and full sovereignty. The goal is to reach a viable and functional solution, in line with the UN resolutions, as well as with the principles, values and the *acquis communautaire* of the EU, of which the Republic of Cyprus is a member state.

A major humanitarian aspect of the Cyprus issue is the investigation of the fate of the Greek-Cypriots and Greek citizens, who have been missing since July 1974, when Turkey invaded Cyprus.

As I am sure you know, at the beginning of the current year, a Turkish soldier who participated in the invasion, publicly confessed that he executed Greek-Cypriots and possibly Greek prisoners of war.

Just recently, during the identification of the remains found in a mass grave in a well, in a village occupied by the Turkish armed forces, it was proven that they belong to Greek-Cypriot soldiers, who were captured during the Turkish invasion. There exist, in fact, photographs depicting their capture by the Turkish armed forces, as well as the confession of a Turkish journalist.

Furthermore, the remains of a four-member Greek-Cypriot family were found and there is proof of their cold-blooded murder.

All these consist solid evidence of brutal mass killings of civilians, as well as repulsive war crimes, which, as it is well-known, are a violation of International Law and in particular, the Third Geneva Convention of 1949. Moreover, there is no prescription of war crimes.

These recent events bring to the fore, once again, in the most dramatic of ways, the obligation of Turkey to fully comply with the decision of the European Court of Human Rights of 2001 following the 4th Inter-State Application of the Republic of Cyprus.

Let me remind you that the European Court ruled that Turkey bears full responsibility for the blatant violation of the European Convention of Human Rights and called upon Turkey to cooperate and open its military archives, in order to

contribute to the ongoing investigation to determine the fate of the missing persons since the invasion of 1974.

Since this is a human rights issue, Turkey ought to show greater commitment, due, also, to the ongoing negotiations regarding Turkey's EU accession. It goes without saying that a country wishing to become a full member of the EU cannot disregard International Law, International Conventions and Human Rights. Nor can it ignore decisions of International Courts.

I appeal to you, since, through your high office, you express the value of Democracy, serve freedom and work for the respect of Human Rights. I am confident that you will inform the members of your parliament, which you have the honour to preside, on this major humanitarian issue, in order to fully investigate the fate of the missing persons.

It is imperative to make every possible effort in order to shed light on the fate of the missing persons from the Turkish invasion and to deliver justice. This is the least the Civilized World can do to alleviate the drama of the families of the missing persons of the last thirty five years. Your active and substantial contribution is a matter of Parliamentary Solidarity, expected not only by Greek-Cypriot families, but by Greek families as well.

Firmly convinced that you will respond to this humanitarian plea, please accept, Honourable President, the expression of my high consideration.

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DIMITRIOS G. SIOUFAS