



## Two-State Solution Platform for Cyprus

Our platform represents 65 non-government and civil society organisations globally who have collectively undersigned this statement as listed in Addendum A. Up until now, we have given our full support to the two Cypriot leaders involved in negotiating a mutually acceptable compromise settlement in Cyprus. Regrettably, it is only too clear that the “Cypriot-led process” under UN auspices with the aim of constructing a federation-based solution, has not reaped the results for which many Turkish and Greek Cypriots had hoped.

Our principles are simplistic and clear. The Turkish Cypriot people have the right to:

- Self-determination;
- Speak their own language;
- To practice their own faith and culture;
- Equal access to: education, international participation, freedom of movement, economic prosperity and the freedom to choose how they are governed;
- To live without fear of persecution or attack; and
- Choose their own Guarantor Power for their own safety and security.

Following the meeting between President Ersin Tatar and the Vice President of the Republic of Turkey, Mr Fuat Oktay on his visit to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) on 10 February 2021, during a joint press conference they confirmed their commitment and support for a Two-State solution to the Cyprus problem. This was also reiterated by Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu during his recent visit to the TRNC.

We the undersigned representatives of Turkish Cypriot non-government and civil society organizations offer our full support to this commitment and welcome the prospect of a Two-State solution. Our reasons are listed below:

1. In 1964, the Greek Cypriot leadership usurped the title of the Republic of Cyprus (RoC) and the legitimate rights of the Turkish Cypriot people. The failed attempt of a federation has resulted in the legitimate end of the RoC. From 1963 to 1983, the Turkish Cypriots were forced to administer themselves resulting in the proclamation of the TRNC in 1983. Since then, the TRNC has been self-governing in their separate part of the island for the last 38 years.
2. The unique equal partnership state established in 1960 was a functional federation, as such, it proved unworkable and could not have been successfully implemented. Negotiations have continued under the auspices of the UN since 1968 but have failed to find a just and lasting solution acceptable to both Turkish and Greek Cypriot peoples. The latest settlement plan (the Annan Plan of 2004) was accepted by the Turkish Cypriot side in separately held simultaneous referenda. However, it was yet another plan rejected by the Greek Cypriot side because they do not wish to share power with their counterpart, the Turkish Cypriots who were their equal co-founding partners in the 1960 RoC. A former Foreign Minister of the Greek Cypriot Administration of South Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Rolandis has admitted many times, that the Greek Cypriots have rejected 15 out of 17 plans put before them so far. It is time for a radical and fresh approach to the issue.
3. The last 53 years of negotiations have failed to deliver an agreement based on a federal power sharing formula acceptable to both peoples. It is unacceptable that Turkish Cypriots should bear the price for these failed talks. The Turkish Cypriot people are being held to political ransom and being denied the



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right to self-determination and their existence denied by the UN and EU. We remind the EU and the Western world to honour their promises and request an immediate end to the unjust isolation and restrictions imposed on the TRNC and Turkish Cypriot people.

4. The two peoples on the island have not shared power for the last 58 years, each self-governing independently. As the negotiations in the last 53 years have shown, Greek Cypriots are not willing to share power or the island's oil & gas resources. Turkish Cypriot's constitutional rights were usurped and removed from all government institutions by force of arms. This was preceded by UN Resolution 186 which paved the way to the Greek Cypriots being recognised as the sole authority of the island unjustly eliminating the co-founding partners- the Turkish Cypriots from joint governance.
5. To continue negotiating on the basis of a federal model, would lead all parties back down the fruitless path that has been pursued aimlessly for over 50 years. It will also continue to allow the Greek Cypriots the unjust benefit of representing the whole of Cyprus without Turkish Cypriot representation. Turkish Cypriots have continued to be left in political and economic isolation which is an unparalleled position for any European community. This cannot be allowed to persist.
6. The Turkish Cypriot people have lived through violence, displacement, discrimination, international isolation and treated as second class citizens in a failed power-sharing system. The Turkish Cypriots cannot live under the rule of a people who lead an attempted genocide against them. They cannot risk re-living the same experience, especially with a Greek 'zero troops' and 'zero guarantees' mandate. History has shown us that Turkey's Guarantorship cannot be compromised. Turkey's intervention in 1974 (under rights granted under the Treaty of Guarantee) prevented the genocide of Turkish Cypriots on the island. Our security concerns can only be addressed through a Two-State solution where absolute assurances and protection of life can be guaranteed.
7. Both the Turkish and Greek Cypriot sides will significantly benefit from a mutually acceptable solution on the above basis. Such a solution will open the way for security, stability and co-operation on the island and in the region, while opening the huge Turkish market for the successful services sector of the Greek Cypriot side (particularly tourism and shipping) and facilitating the optimum monetisation of the hydrocarbon resources of the region (Turkey is the largest market in the region for natural gas and provides for the most cost effective way of transporting this gas to Europe). Other bonuses will be better Turkish-Greek relations, Turkey-EU relations and enhanced NATO solidarity, hence a WIN WIN SOLUTION.
8. In October 2020 the Turkish Cypriot population of Cyprus voted for a democratically elected leader, President Ersin Tatar, who won his seat on a clear Two-State mandate. The message from the Turkish Cypriot people is clear; it is time for an alternative solution to be brought to the negotiation table which is a Two-State solution.

The undersigned believe that the time has passed for endless negotiations and we stress the need for political, economic and social parity and a level playing field for peace and stability to be achieved in Cyprus.

The Turkish Cypriot people want an end to their international isolation; to be able to travel and trade freely, to have a right to life, and to invoke the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Article 2, which says that:



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***“.. .no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty”.***

All Turkish Cypriots, home and abroad, must now be given the freedom and power to decide for themselves what their future status will be. It's time for us to make historic progress and reach a peaceful resolution. It's time for a Two-State solution.

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### Addendum A

The following non-government and civil society organizations globally have given confirmed support for the latest statement:

#### **Australia**

Albion Rovers SC  
Australian North Cyprus Friendship Association  
Kıbrıs Türk İslam Derneği  
Kıbrıs Türk Radyosu  
Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cemiyeti  
St Albans Türk Yaşlı ve Emekliler  
Sunshine Turkish Senior Citizens  
Turkish Cypriot United Platform (TCUP-Australia)  
Yeşilada Kadınlar Birliği

#### **Turkey**

Kıbrıs Türk Kültür Derneği – Ankara, İstanbul, İzmir, Antalya & Mersin  
Turkish Cypriot United Platform (TCUP-Turkey)

#### **Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)**

Association of Turkish Cypriots Abroad (ATCA)  
British Residents Society (BRS)  
Dunya Kıbrıs Türkleri Vakfı

Independence Platform - 33 members confirmed:

1. KKTC. İNSAN HAKLARI DERNEĞİ
2. KKTC. KAMU PERSONELİ SENDİKASI
3. K.T. KADINLARI VE ANNELERİ TÜKETİCİ HAKLARI DERNEĞİ
4. KKTC. TÜKETİCİLER DERNEĞİ
5. K.T. ZARAR GÖRMÜŞ GÜNEYLİ GÖÇMENLER DERNEĞİ
6. K.T. TÜKETİCİLER BİRLİĞİ
7. BAF TÜRK BİRLİĞİ.
8. ULUSAL ESNAF HAREKETİ
9. BEŞPARMAK DAĞI BAYRAĞI IŞIK LANDIRMA DERNEĞİ
10. ASMAALTI VE ARASTA ESNAF DERNEĞİ.
11. K.T. GENÇLERİ TÜKETİCİLER HAREKETİ
12. KKTC.'Nİ YAŞATMA HAREKETİ
13. VATAN VE EGEMENLİK İÇİN TÜRK KADIN PLATFORMU
14. TÜKETİCİ KALİTE VE STADNARTLAR ÖRGÜTÜ
15. ÇALIŞAN KADINLAR DERNEĞİ
16. K.T. ANNELER BİRLİKTELİĞİ
17. HAK, HUKUK VE ADALET İÇİN MÜCADELE ÖRGÜTÜ
18. ÖZGÜR İNSAN HAKLARI ÖRGÜTÜ



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19. GENÇ MÜTEŞEBBİSLERİ KORUMA ÖRGÜTÜ.
20. ÇAĞDAŞ GAZETECİLER VE YAZARLAR ÖRGÜTÜ
21. K.T. GENÇ MÜCAHİTLER DERNEĞİ.
22. K.T. KADIN EMEKLİLERİ BİRLİKTELİĞİ.
23. BAĞIMSIZLIK İÇİN MÜCADELE ÖRGÜTÜ
24. SENDİKAL HAKLAR PLATFORMU
25. KADIN HAKLARI ÖRGÜTÜ
26. ONURLU ÇÖZÜM BİRLİĞİ
27. ÖZGÜR SANATÇILAR ÖRGÜTÜ
28. ÇAĞDAŞ KADINLAR ÖRGÜTÜ
29. ÖZGÜRLÜK DAYANIŞMA BİRLİĞİ
30. K.TÜRK GENÇLERİ DAYANIŞMA PLATFORMU
31. AKADEMİSYENLER PLATFORMU
32. BİLİŞİM VE İLETİŞİMCİLER ÖRGÜTÜ.
33. K. TÜRKÜ HUKUK MÜCADELESİ ÖRGÜTÜ

Kıbrıs Türk Milli Varoluş Konseyi

Turkish Cypriot United Platform (TCUP-TRNC)

### **United Kingdom (UK)**

Ataturk Society UK / İngiltere Ataturkcu Dusunce Dernegi

CTCA UK - 10 members confirmed:

1. British Turkish Cypriot Association
2. Cezire Association
3. İngiltere Turk Kadınları Yardım Dernegi/TWPA
4. Kıbrıs Türk Kültür Derneği
5. Lefkaralılar Derneği
6. Rauf R Denktas Turk Okulu
7. Türk 1 Birliğı
8. Vatan Kültürel Korosu
9. Sydenham Elders Club
10. Turkish Cypriot United Platform (TCUP-UK)

Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce UK (CTCC UK)

Federation of Turkish Associations UK / İngiltere Turk Dernekleri Federasyonu

North Cypriots Exists

West London Turkish Volunteers / Batı Londra Türk Gönüllüleri

Young Turkish Cypriots (YTC)

### **United States of America (USA)**

Turkish American National Steering Committee



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