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INVITATION

We would be honoured if you would accept our invitation and attend a meeting concerning peace and friendship. At the meeting will be Greek, Turkish, and Cypriot left parties.

The meeting, which is organized by AKEL, will be addressed by representatives of the Communist Party of Greece, the Coalition of the Left and Progress of Greece, the Freedom and Solidarity Party of Turkey, the Republican Turkish Party, the Party of Patriotic Unity and AKEL. This will be followed by a cultural programme.

The meeting will be held at THE CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22, on Sunday, February 14, at 12.00 pm .

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

JOINT DECLARATION OF THE PARTIES THAT MET IN LONDON 13 FEBRUARY 1999

AKEL – Progressive Party of Working People
CTP – Republican Turkish Party
YBH – Patriotic Unity Movement
SYNASPISMOS – Coalition of the Forces of the Left and Progress of Greece
ODP – Freedom and Solidarity Party of Turkey

Having exchanged views and thoughts, the parties above agreed upon the following joint declaration:

1. The continuing abeyance of the Cyprus problem and the escalation of the deadlocks, the protracted absence of communication between the two communities and the absence of substantive talks contribute to the consolidation of the unacceptable status quo which is not and cannot be the solution of the Cyprus problem.
2. The Parties denounce any actions that lead to escalation of the aggravated situation and to a possible military conflict. The Parties support the relevant provisions of the UN Resolutions and appeal to all interested parties to agree on measures for the gradual decrease of troops and armaments, having as a final goal the demilitarization of the island.
3. The Parties insist on their position that the solution of the Cyprus problem cannot be achieved by military means. The solution should be peaceful and reached via substantive and constructive talks, begun without preconditions and conducted under the auspices of the UNO. The two sides in Cyprus should demonstrate the necessary political will and show respect for the High Level agreements and relevant UN Resolutions.
4. The solution must adequately guarantee the independence, territorial integrity, sovereignty and unity of a bi-communal, bi-zonal Federal Republic of Cyprus against enosis, partition or secession in any form. This guarantee is provided for in the Archbishop Makarios-Denktaş and Kyprianou-Denktaş High Level Agreements and relevant UN Resolutions. The Parties agree that any attempt to find a different solution to that stated above will increase tension on the island and will not facilitate the solution. The concerns of both communities on security issues must be taken into account.
5. For the solution to be viable and feasible, it should be based on the political equality and economic and social parity of the two communities. It must safeguard the equality, human rights and freedoms of all citizens without exceptions and regardless of national origins, as stated in the High Level agreements.
6. The Parties assert that chauvinism is still on the rise and is aimed at obstructing rapprochement between the two communities. The Parties reiterate their will to wage a decisive struggle against chauvinism, religious fanaticism and prejudices, to enable the promotion of rapprochement confidence, contact and co-operation between the Greek- and Turkish-Cypriots on all levels. (To this end they discussed and agreed on a specific plan of events and activities.)
7. On the issue of the accession of Cyprus to the EU, the Parties maintain their respective positions and agree to continue their dialogue.
8. Finally, the Parties agree to continue their meetings and to encourage meetings of women's groups, the youth, trade unions and other organizations and platforms in order to promote the restoration of confidence and friendship between the Turkish- and Greek-Cypriots and, more generally, the peoples of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey.