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## Illegal Exploitation of Greek Cypriot Property in the occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus

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This written declaration commits only the members who have signed it

Due to the 1974 Turkish invasion and occupation of the northern part of Cyprus, 170,000 Greek Cypriots were expelled and still prevented from returning back to their properties, which constitute approximately 78% of the occupied area,

Since 2002, the occupation regime allowed the transfer of Greek Cypriot properties to third parties without the consent of the Greek Cypriot lawful owners.

We the undersigned, strongly condemn such illegal acts and hereby declare that:

- under the Human Rights Conventions, ECHR judgments and international and national law, displaced Greek Cypriots retain the title to their property;
- this policy attempts to alienate lawful owners from their properties and to create new *fait accompli, detrimental* to the solution of the Cyprus problem;
- Court decisions against usurpers of property can be enforced in any Member State of the European Union,
- Persons dealing with immovable property without the consent of the owner are guilty of a felony and liable to imprisonment according to Cyprus criminal code;
- "Buyers" of Greek Cypriot property in the occupied part of Cyprus may find themselves totally exposed and without any legal protection.

*Signed (see overleaf)*

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Signed:<sup>1</sup>

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Total = 43

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EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party  
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe  
EDG: European Democratic Group  
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left  
NR: not registered in a group