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PRESIDENT

Nicosia, 20th May 2022

Mr Donald Tusk
President
EPP

Dear Mr President,

In my letter to you of July 5th 2021, I informed you in detail about the unlawful plans of Turkey and its secessionist regime, to alter the status of the fenced area of Varosha.

Yesterday, Turkey's occupying forces proceeded a step further by clearing a new stretch of approximately 600 meters long across the beachfront of the fenced area of Varosha. According to reports this new area is to be exploited for commercial use.

This development in the fenced area of Varosha constitutes a new blatant violation of UN Security Council Resolutions 550 and 789, which defined the framework for the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants and the transfer of this area under the administration of the United Nations.

At this point in time the European Union and its member states along with their allies worldwide, show a rigid principle stance by standing with Ukraine against the invasion of Russia and defending international law. Cyprus has unequivocally joined this common effort. It is important that the same solidarity and the same commitment to our common principles is shown in regards to the Cyprus issue.

I urge you to exert every pressure possible for Turkey to abstain from any further actions that violate international law and cause instability in the region. Turkey now needs to constructively contribute to the efforts in reaching a settlement to the Cyprus problem.

I further urge you not to tolerate the materialisation of Turkey's threats regarding Varosha. We appreciate that the EPP has always shown its support to Cyprus. It is important now to demand from Turkey the full compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions and to call for the immediate return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants, under the United Nations administration.

I would appreciate if you could forward my letter to our fellow EPP party leaders as well.

I remain at your disposal.

Sincerely

Averof Neofytou
President, Democratic Rally