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Office of President

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H.E. Mr. Martin Bezak
Ambassador of Slovak Republic
4 Kalamatas Street
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Dear Mr Ambassador,

I would like to thank you for your personal invitation for the next bi-communal meeting of the Leaders and the Representatives of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Political Parties and the lunch with the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and Deputy Special Adviser in Cyprus, Mr. Colin Stewart, which will take place on Wednesday 21 September 2022.

However, due to the ongoing unlawful detention since August 30, of Andreas Soutzis, the Greek Cypriot man who was illegally arrested by the Turkish Cypriot regime in the occupied areas, I would like to inform you that neither I, nor any other representative of the Democratic Party will be attending the meeting and the lunch that will follow.

The illegal arrest and detention of Mr Soutzis is only the latest of a series of provocative actions by the regime in the occupied areas, that amongst other, includes the escalation of its illegal actions in Varosha, opening the fenced city, extending access on the coastal front and the incident in the buffer zone in Deneia, during which armed Turkish soldiers chased away a Greek Cypriot shepherd.

It is our belief that the increasingly provocative behaviour of the occupying regime should not be tolerated or accepted. We therefore call on the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and Deputy Special Adviser in

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Cyprus, Mr. Colin Stewart, to exercise all necessary pressure on the regime in order to put an end to the illegal detention of Andreas Soutzis and to ensure his return to his family.

I remain at your disposal.

Best Regards,


Nicholas Papadopoulos