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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

on/cooperation and contacts between the European Parliament and the House of  
Representatives of Cyprus

Rapporteur: Mr P. KIRK

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On 15 March 1973, the European Parliament adopted a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Kirk on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee on the agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus (Doc.334/72), in which the Political Affairs Committee was asked to seek the most appropriate means of initiating contact between the Parliament of Cyprus and the European Parliament.

To this end, a delegation from the European Parliament led by Mr Kirk, rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee, visited Cyprus on 29, 30 and 31 May 1973 and had discussions with the President and Vice-President of the Republic, members of the government and the President of the Chamber of Representatives.

Following these contacts, an exchange of correspondence took place between the leader of the Delegation from the European Parliament, Mr Kirk, the President of the Chamber of Representatives, Mr Clerides, and the Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Denktash, on the contacts that could be established between the Cypriot Parliament and the European Parliament.

At its meeting of 21 June 1973, the Political Affairs Committee discussed and unanimously adopted the attached motion for a resolution and the report on which it is based.

The following were present when the vote was taken: Mr Giraud, chairman; Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairman; Mr Kirk, rapporteur; Mr Achenbach, Sir Tufton Beamish, Mr Behrendt, Mr Berthoin, Mr Dalsager, Mr Kirstensen, Mr Lücker, Mr Patijn, Mr Thomsen.

The Committee on External Economic Relations has been asked for its opinion, which it has instructed its draftsman, Mr Cousté, to deliver orally when the report of the appropriate committee is presented to the European Parliament.

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The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on cooperation and contacts between the European Parliament and the House of Representatives of Cyprus

The European Parliament,

- welcoming the entry into force, on 1st June 1973, of the Agreement of Association between the Republic of Cyprus and the European Economic Community;
- emphasising the political significance of the Association between the Republic of Cyprus and the European Economic Community and the common interest in reinforcing the links which join the peoples of the Member States of the European Community and the people of Cyprus;
- considering the task imposed on it by the First Joint Declaration annexed to the Agreement of Association to "take all appropriate measures in order to facilitate co-operation and contacts between the European Parliament and the House of Representatives of Cyprus";
- having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 126/73);

Proposes that:

1. delegations of the European Parliament and the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus shall jointly constitute the body foreseen in the First Joint Declaration annexed to the Association Agreement;
2. the Delegation of the European Parliament shall take the form of a permanent Delegation of the Committee on External Economic Relations consisting of fourteen members;
3. the Delegation of the House of Representatives of Cyprus shall consist of seven members, of whom five shall represent the Greek-Cypriot Community and two the Turkish-Cypriot Community, with the option of seven substitute members being appointed in the same proportion;
4. this joint body shall meet, in principle, twice a year;
5. the Cypriot members shall have access to the relevant committees of the

European Parliament, whenever necessary, by invitation, in conformity with the opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc.31.168) adopted by the Enlarged Bureau on 14 February 1973 and in the light of Paragraph 2 of Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure;

6. the joint body shall be competent to consider all matters mentioned in the existing Association Agreement and all matters relating to the future of the Communities;
7. the above arrangements shall be implemented as from 1st November 1973, should a constitutional Agreement be reached between the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities. In the event that such an Agreement is not reached before that date the question of parliamentary contacts shall be reviewed by the European Parliament and the House of Representatives of Cyprus at that time with a view to implementing informal arrangements as nearly as possible equivalent to those detailed above;
8. requests its President to transmit this motion for a resolution and the explanatory memorandum to the Council of the EEC-Cyprus Association, to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities and to the Government and House of Representatives of Cyprus;

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUMI. INTRODUCTION

1. On 15 March 1973 the European Parliament adopted a resolution adopting the opinion of the European Parliament on the Agreement establishing an Association between the Republic of Cyprus and the European Economic Community (document 334/72, Rapporteur Mr. KIRK).

2. This text instructed the Political Affairs Committee 'to explore the most appropriate way in which parliamentary contacts can be established between Cyprus and the European Parliament as required under the annex to the Agreement' and to report back to Parliament.

3. With the authorisation of the Bureau, the Political Committee finally appointed the following Delegation to visit Cyprus for discussions with the Cyprus Government and Parliament ;

Mr. KIRK (Leader, and Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee)

Mr. JAHN

Mr. de la MALENE

In the event Mr. de la Malene was unable to take part in the Delegation's visit to Cyprus.

4. The Delegation of the Parliament visited Cyprus on 29, 30 and 31 May, 1973, and held discussions with the President of the Republic and members of the Government, the President of the House of Representatives, and the Vice-President of Cyprus.

5. Talks concerning both the working of the Association Agreement and the form that parliamentary contacts between the European Parliament and the House of Representatives might take were held with : the President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios ; the President of the House of Representatives, Mr. Clerides ; the Foreign Minister, Mr. Christofides ; the Minister of Finance, Mr. Patsalides ; the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Colocassides ; and the Vice-President of the Republic, Mr. Denk-tash.

II. CONTACTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE PARLIAMENT OF CYPRUS

6. Following preliminary discussions in Nicosia, the Leader of the European Parliament's Delegation wrote, on 31 May 1973 to Mr Clerides, President of the House of Representatives, proposing that, subject to approval by the Political Affairs Committee and the European Parliament as a whole,

the Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus should nominate a permanent Delegation of seven members, of whom five would represent the Greek-Cypriot community and two the Turkish-Cypriot community, with the option of appointing seven substitute members in the same proportion. (1) On its side the European Parliament would establish a permanent Delegation of the Committee on External Economic Relations consisting of fourteen members. These two Delegations would jointly constitute the body which should "facilitate co-operation and contacts between the European Parliament and the Parliament of Cyprus" as foreseen in the First Joint Declaration annexed to the Association Agreement. This body would meet, in principle, twice a year and the Cypriot members would have access to the relevant committees of the European Parliament, whenever necessary, by invitation.

7. The terms of reference of the joint body proposed in the letter addressed to Mr. Clerides were that it should be competent to consider all matters covered in the present Association Agreement and all matters relating to the future of the European Communities.

8. The letter proposed that these arrangements should be implemented as from 1 November 1973, should a constitutional agreement be reached between the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities before that date. In the event that such an Agreement were not reached by 1 November 1973 the matter should be reviewed by the European Parliament and the Parliament of Cyprus at that time with a view to implementing informal arrangements as nearly as possible equivalent to those detailed above.

9. On 31 May 1973 Mr. Clerides, President of the House of Representatives, replied to the above letter confirming that he agreed with the proposals contained in it. On the same day Mr. Denktash, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus and head of the Turkish-Cypriot community, also replied confirming that he accepted the proposals set out in the letter addressed to Mr. Clerides, of which he had been sent a copy. He pointed out, however, that this acceptance was subject "to the understanding that the proposals contained in the said letter will be fully implemented and that the protocol would not be put into effect if Turkish members are not included in the Parliamentary Delegation." The texts of these three letters together with the text of a further covering letter addressed to Mr. Denktash are appended to this report.

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(1) This proportion was calculated in the light of provisional agreements already reached in the inter-communal discussions.



### III. THE WORKING OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

10. Quite apart from the establishment of contacts between the European Parliament and the Parliament of Cyprus the Delegation discussed, in general terms, the working of the Association Agreement with members of the Cyprus Government.
11. Members of the Government of Cyprus expressed their overall satisfaction with the terms negotiated with the European Economic Community and also expressed, in general terms, their willingness to move towards an even closer relationship with the European Economic Community in the long term and also their interest in participating actively in the process of European unification.
12. Three specific problems were, however, mentioned by members of the Government of Cyprus. These concerned exports from Cyprus to the European Economic Community of (a) canned fruit ; (b) table grapes ; and, (c) sherry.
13. Members of the Cyprus Government are concerned by the exclusion of Cypriot exports of canned fruit and table grapes to Community countries under the Association Agreement. This will probably cause economic hardship to Cyprus. As far as sherry is concerned, the Cyprus Government has been given an opportunity to maintain its exports to the Community - which in the case of this product means, effectively, to the United Kingdom - during the first stage. The view of the Community has been that the Cyprus sherry industry should adapt itself, during the first stage, so as to be able to compete in exporting to the Community, without any special advantages, during the second stage. Fears were expressed to the Parliament's Delegation by Members of the Cyprus Government that this requirement could lead to a reduction of the sales of Cyprus sherry to Community countries during the second stage, with consequential harmful effects to the economy of the island.
14. Further fears were expressed by members of the Cyprus Government concerning a fourth product, potatoes. Once again, there are some fears in Cyprus that the ending of preferential Commonwealth arrangements enabling Cyprus to have access to the United Kingdom market could adversely affect potato exports under the terms of the Association Agreement.
15. Members of the Delegation hope that the Commission will bear the special problems of Cyprus fully in mind when negotiations are held, eighteen months before the expiry of the first five-year stage, to define the content of the second five-year stage which, according to Article 2 of the Associa-

tion Agreement, will provide "for a further elimination to obstacles to trade between the European Economic Community and Cyprus and the adoption by Cyprus of the Common Customs Tariff."

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

16. Members of the Parliament's Delegation to the Republic of Cyprus wish to stress the political significance of the Association Agreement with this Mediterranean island state, which represents a notable step in the development of the Community's Mediterranean policy. It is hoped that no obstacles will arise to delay or prevent the holding of meetings between a Delegation of the European Parliament and a Delegation of the Parliament of Cyprus as from November 1973. It is hoped that these parliamentary contacts will be of benefit both to the Community and to the people of Cyprus.

APPENDIX

Exchange of Correspondence between  
Mr. Peter Kirk, Leader of the Delegation  
of the European Parliament to the  
Republic of Cyprus, and Mr. Glafcos Clerides,  
President of the House of Representatives,  
and between Mr. Kirk and Mr. Rauf Denktash,  
Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus.

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, LUXEMBOURG.

Nicosia,  
31st May, 1973.

Mr. Glafcos CLERIDES,  
President of the House of Representatives,  
Nicosia.

Dear Mr. President,

I write to confirm the conversation between yourself and our Delegation on 29th May, 1973, concerning the implementation of the First Joint Declaration (concerning co-operation and contacts between the European Parliament and the Parliament of Cyprus) annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the Republic of Cyprus and the European Community.

The European Parliament for its part would wish to create the same type of contact with the Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus as at present prevails with other associated States. To this end a permanent Delegation of the Committee on External Economic Relations of the European Parliament will be established, consisting of 14 members, to maintain the necessary contacts with the Cyprus Parliament.

It having been agreed that the Parliament of Cyprus shall consist of 80% Greek-Cypriot Members and 20% Turkish-Cypriot Members and that this proportion shall prevail in all Committees and Delegations, for its part the Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus will nominate a permanent Delegation of seven members, of whom five shall represent the Greek-Cypriot Community and two the Turkish-Cypriot Community, with the option of appointing seven substitute members in the same proportions.

These two Delegations shall jointly constitute the body which shall "facilitate co-operation and contacts between the European Parliament and the Parliament of Cyprus" as laid down in the First Joint Declaration annexed to the Agreement.

This body shall meet, in principle, twice a year and the Cypriot Members shall have access to the relevant committees of the European Parliament, whenever necessary, at their request.

This joint body shall be competent to consider all matters mentioned in the present Association Agreement and all matters relating to the future of the European Communities.

It is proposed to implement these arrangements as from 1st November 1973, should a constitutional agreement be reached. In the event that such an agreement is not reached, the matter shall be reviewed by the European Parliament and the Parliament of Cyprus at that time with a view to implementing informal arrangements as nearly as possible equivalent to those detailed above.

All these proposals are subject, on the side of the European Parliament, to approval by the Political Affairs Committee and by the other competent authorities of the European Parliament.

I should be grateful to receive your confirmation of these proposals.

I have the honour to remain your humble and obedient servant,

(sgd) P.M. Kirk

Leader of the Delegation of the European  
Parliament to the Republic of Cyprus.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Nicosia, 31st May, 1973.

Dear Mr. Kirk,

Thank you for your letter of the 31st May, 1973, confirming the conversation between your Delegation and myself on the 29th of May, 1973.

In reply I wish to inform you that I agree with all that is stated in your above mentioned letter.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration,

(sgd) Glafcos Clerides

President of the House  
of Representatives

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, LUXEMBOURG.

Nicosia,  
31st May, 1973.

Mr. Rauf Denktash,  
Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus,  
Nicosia.

Your Excellency,

I enclose a copy of the letter I have sent to Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the House of Representatives, and I should be most grateful to receive your confirmation of its contents.

I have the honour to remain your Excellency's humble and obedient servant,

(P.M. Kirk)  
Leader of the Delegation of the  
European Parliament to the Republic  
of Cyprus.

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Vice-President's Office

Nicosia.

31st May, 1973.

Dear Mr. Kirk,

Thank you for your letter of 31st May.

I wish to confirm our acceptance of your proposals contained in your letter to Mr. Glafcos Clerides, enclosed with your letter under reference, concerning the implementation of the First Joint Declaration (concerning co-operation and contacts between the European Parliament and the Parliament of Cyprus) annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the Republic of Cyprus and the European Community.

This acceptance is subject to the understanding that the proposals contained in the said letter will be fully implemented and that the protocol will not be put into effect if Turkish Members are not included in the Parliamentary Delegation as envisaged in your letter.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Rauf Denktash,  
Vice-President  
Republic of Cyprus

Mr. P.M. Kirk,  
Leader of the Delegation of the  
European Parliament to the  
Republic of Cyprus,  
Nicosia.