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Declaration of the Cypriot Delegates to the World Assembly  
for Peace and Life, against Nuclear War

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We, the Cypriot delegates, both Greeks and Turks, participating in the World Assembly for Peace and Life, against Nuclear War, taking place in Prague (21 - 26th June 1983) feel the need in these crucial moments when a nuclear war threatens humanity with a holocaust and mighty forces in all corners of the planet enter the struggle to save life, to appeal to all the Cypriots irrespective of race, religion or political conviction to offer unanimously their contribution to the struggle for peace.

Cyprus, which the aggressive imperialist forces wish to turn to an unsinkable aircraft carrier, must be a fully demilitarized country without any foreign troops or bases, a bridge of peace and friendship in the hotspot area of the Eastern Mediterranean. This is dictated by the vital interests of all Cypriots, Greeks and Turks, who do not want to be the last inhabitants of their beautiful, historical island that managed to survive throughout the ages.

In this connection all efforts should be exerted by all sides to find an early, just and peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem that would exclude union with any other country or partition of the island.

Good opportunities are offered in this respect by the new initiative of the Secretary General of the UN who should be encouraged in his endeavours to have the intercommunal talks resumed and rendered speedy as well as result-oriented.

We consider the contacts between the leaders of political parties and mass organizations of the two communities and - the realization of practical good-will measures which will promote mutual confidence a contribution to the UN Secretary General's good offices.

We are all convinced that an independent, sovereign, territorially integral, federal, non-aligned and demilitarized Cyprus can be founded within the agreed framework with due

respect to the legitimate rights of the two communities so as not to have the sad events of the past repeated and thus offer to our children a better, bright future.

We stand for peace in our homeland and for peace in the whole world. The turning of Cyprus to a bastion of peace will be a major contribution of the Cypriots, Greeks and Turks, to the cause of peace and security in the whole world.

Prague, 21st June 1983

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