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For Northern Cyprus

The UN Secretary-General's Personal Envoy on Cyprus

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Dear Ms Cuellar,

I chair an advocacy group campaigning for a new perspective on the Cyprus issue. The Secretary-General has asked you to assume the good offices role on his behalf and search for common ground between Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots so as to advance negotiations on the future of the island within a six month window. I wish you success in your endeavours.

For more than half a century, federal-based negotiations have failed. A federal model has been exhausted as an effective settlement proposal and new solutions should be explored. In 2004, the Annan Plan was rejected and in 2017 the Crans Montana talks collapsed - clear instances of the Greek Cypriot State's unwillingness to meaningfully engage in finding a settlement. This has made achieving a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation virtually impossible.

Any new negotiations must begin by reaffirming the sovereign equality and equal international status of the Turkish Cypriot People. For decades, we have been inhumanely isolated, unable to travel and trade directly with the UK and majority of the international community, and prevented from being fairly represented on the international stage. This is despite continuous goodwill at the negotiating table over the last fifty years where the Turkish Cypriot side has been prepared to make significant concessions to try to achieve a settlement.

I hope you and your team will work with the Turkish Cypriot People as equals throughout your tenure and I look forward to hearing your perspective on new settlement proposals - a two state solution being one of them. I would appreciate speaking with a member of your team to discuss setting up a meeting with you - please suggest the most suitable person for us to liaise with.

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