

DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

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Statement by the Delegation of Cyprus in exercise of its Right of Reply

The delegation of Cyprus wishes to refer to the statements delivered by the Organization Embargoed and the Turkish Cypriot Human Rights Foundation. We wish to underline that the so-called isolation of the Turkish Cypriots is in fact the immediate result of the continuous occupation of an important part of Cyprus.

The Government of Cyprus continues to support the Turkish Cypriot community with financial and social measures, as well as with EU financial aid.

Regarding the Organization "Chrysi Avgi", we want to note that it constitutes an insignificant small group of people who have no support from any political party or any noteworthy part of the Cypriot society.

We wish to take the opportunity and share the optimism expressed, that even if the way is difficult, the fresh attempt of the leaders of the two communities to reinitiate substantive negotiations, will lead soon to the solution of the Cyprus problem and the reunification of our island.