

# THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS

## MEMORANDUM

### SETTING OUT THE AGREED FOUNDATION FOR THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Greece and the Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic,

taking note of the Declaration by the representative of the greek-cypriot community and the representative of the turkish - cypriot community that they accept the documents annexed to this Memorandum as the agreed foundation for the final settlement of the problem of Cyprus,

hereby adopt, on behalf of their respective government, the documents annexed to this Memorandum and listed below, as the agreed foundation for the final settlement of the problem of Cyprus.

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and northern Ireland,  
**Harold Macmillan**

On behalf of the Government of the Greece.  
**C. Karamanlis**

On behalf of the Government of the Turkish Republic.  
**A. Menderes**

#### LIST OF DOCUMENTS ANNEXED

- A. Basic structure of the Republic of Cyprus;\*
- B. Treaty of guarantee between the Republic of Cyprus and Greece, the United Kingdom and Turkey;\*
- C. Treaty of alliance between the Republic of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey;\*
- D. Declaration made by the government of the United Kingdom on February 17, 1959.

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\* ) Avec texte français.

Ces documents nous ont été obligeamment communiqués par le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de Turquie.

- E. Additional article to be inserted in the Treaty of guarantee;
- F. Declaration made by the greek and turkish Foreign Ministers on February 17, 1959;
- G. Declaration made by the representative of the greek-cypriot community on February 19, 1959;
- H. Declaration made by the representative of the turkish-cypriot community on February 19, 1959.
- I. Agreed measures to prepare for the new arrangements in Cyprus.

## DOCUMENT 8

**BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

*[English translation of the Documents agreed by the greek and turkish Prime Ministers at Zurich on 11 th February 1959]*

1. The State of Cyprus shall be a Republic with a presidential regime, the President being greek and the Vice-President turkish elected by universal suffrage by the greek and turkish communities of the island respectively.

2. The official languages of the Republic of Cyprus shall be greek and turkish. Legislative and administrative instruments and documents shall be drawn up and promulgated in the two official languages.

3. The Republic of Cyprus shall have its own flag of neutral design and colour, chosen jointly by the President and the Vice-President of the Republic.

Authorities and communities shall have the right to fly the greek and turkish flags on holidays at the same time as the flag of Cyprus.

The greek and turkish communities shall have the right to celebrate greek and turkish national holidays.

4. The President and the Vice-President shall be elected for a period of five years.

In the event of absence, impediment or vacancy of their posts, the President and the Vice-President shall be replaced by the President and the Vice-President of the House of representatives respectively.