

Visit by the Cypriot Minister for Foreign Affairs to Hungary (25 January 2011)

Caption: On 25 January 2011, Markos Kyprianou, Cypriot Minister for Foreign Affairs, meets his Hungarian counterpart János Martonyi during a visit to Hungary and discusses with him the bilateral relations between their countries as well as Turkey's path to EU accession, stating that the Republic of Cyprus supports this accession provided that Turkey fulfils all the necessary obligations for the adoption of the Community acquis.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Markos Kyprianou paid, yesterday, a visit to Hungary, where he had discussions with his Hungarian counterpart Mr János Martonyi. During the talks, issues of bilateral relations, the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency of the EU Council, the on-going negotiations for a solution of the Cyprus issue, as well as Turkey's EU accession course were discussed. Mr Kyprianou also briefed Mr Martonyi on the recent working visit and the contacts he held in Lebanon.

Mr Kyprianou expressed the support of the Republic of Cyprus towards the Hungarian Presidency saying that the Government of Cyprus is ready to offer assistance in the work it has undertaken.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, also, briefed his counterpart on the on-going negotiations for the solution of the Cyprus issue. He repeated the commitment of the Government and the Greek-Cypriot community to the procedure aiming at resolving the Cyprus problem on the agreed basis of a bizonal, bicommunal federation, in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolutions, the EU principles and the *acquis communautaire*. He underlined that the whole territory of the Republic of Cyprus is part of the EU with the *acquis communautaire*, temporarily, not implemented in the areas occupied by Turkey. Mr Kyprianou stressed that it is expected from Turkey and the Turkish-Cypriot community to show a constructive stance in order for the negotiations to progress.

Concerning Turkey's EU accession negotiations, Mr Kyprianou repeated that the Republic of Cyprus continues to support Turkey's accession to the EU, provided that Turkey will fulfill all the obligations it has undertaken towards the EU. He also noted that for progress to be made at the negotiations, Ankara must fulfill all the obligations, including those concerning Cyprus.

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