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**STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

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Letter dated 30 April 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith the text of the resolution adopted by the 83rd Inter-Parliamentary Conference, which took place at Nicosia from 2 to 7 April 1990 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the *present* letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 70 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Resolution on the promotion of peace and security in the Mediterranean region in the light of the developments in Europe and the new spirit prevailing internationally, adopted by the 83rd Inter-Parliamentary Conference, held at Nicosia from 2 to 7 April 1990

The 83rd Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

Convinced that security in the Mediterranean region is inextricably linked with the security of the whole of **Europe** and with international peace and security,

Welcoming the historic developments taking place in Europe in the direction of **détente**, disarmament, the promotion of human rights and democratic principles and the **enhancement** of co-operation between European **countries** in all fields,

Recognizing that **these** developments constitute an important contribution to building a Common European **Home and mark** the beginning of a new era in European and world affairs,

Expressing satisfaction at the positive developments taking place world wide, particularly the dialogue between the United **States** of America and the Soviet Union, which has strengthened international co-operation and enhanced **prospects** for resolving **issues** which threaten world peace and the freedom of peoples,

Deeply concerned that, despite the **new** international climate, certain States **still** undertake actions that violate the sovereignty **and** independence **of** other States and the right of peoples to decide freely upon their future,

Recalling the Final **Act of** the Conference on Security **and** Co-operation in Europe (**CSCE**), signed at **Helsinki** on 1 August 1975, and the Concluding Documents of the Madrid and Vienna Follow-up Meetings, particularly the chapters concerning the Mediterranean region,

Underlining the substantive contribution of the neutral and non-aligned countries of Europe to the **CSCE** process,

Recalling the Document of the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe,

Reaffirming the **resolutions** of the United Nations General **Assembly** on the strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region, **as well as** article 39 of the **Four** Geneva Convention of 1949 relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in **T** War,

Recalling the **declarations** concerning the Mediterranean region adopted by the Foreign Affairs Ministers of the non-aligned countries in 1984 and 1987, and by the

Foreign Affairs Ministers of the **CSCE** countries in 1990, as well as the declarations of the Council of Ministers of the European **Economic** Community, the resolutions of the Conference of the Union of African Parliaments, held at Cairo in March 1990, and the declaration of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, at Kuala Lumpur (1989),

Recalling the Concluding Resolutions of the **Vith** Inter-Parliamentary Conference on European Co-operation and Security, particularly with regard to questions relating to security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region,

Convinced that developments in Europe have enhanced prospects for closer Euro-Mediterranean collaboration, yet **aware** that such **collaboration can** only flourish if a just and lasting solution is found to the problems facing the Mediterranean region,

Reaffirming the need for a just and peaceful settlement of persistent **problems** in the region in accordance with the **Charter** and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned of the **existence** of hotbeds of **tension, occupation** and aggression in the Mediterranean region, and **underlining** the need to turn the Mediterranean basin into an area of peace and co-operation in the future,

Reaffirming that the right to emigrate implies the right to choose one's destination, but that these two rights should not be exercised **to the** detriment of the rights of another people in its homeland,

Underlining that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East will contribute to the promotion of peace and security in the Mediterranean region,

1. **Urges** all Parliaments and Governments to strive to **reinforce** the new international climate by taking measures to promote peace and **security**, respect of human rights and democratic principles;

2. **Calls upon** all States to adhere strictly to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the universally accepted principles of international law and to avoid the threat or use of force against other **States**;

3. **Also calls upon** the Parliaments and Governments of European countries to continue to foster the process of dialogue, multifaceted co-operation and **confidence-** and security-building measures, and **urges** European States to exert further efforts to ensure that positive developments in Europe, including disarmament **measures**, are adequately reflected in the Mediterranean;

4. **Resolutely supports** all efforts aimed at securing compliance with the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act and the Madrid and Vienna Concluding Documents of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in **Europe**;

5. **Reaffirms** the need to make the Mediterranean region one of peace, security and co-operation, free from conflict and confrontation, and **strongly urges** the States in the area that have not yet acceded to the treaties on the non-proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons to do so promptly;

6. **Calls upon States** outside the region to withdraw their fleets from the Mediterranean and their military presence from the region and to cease all military exercises;

7. **Declares** that Governments should take concrete steps to remove sources of tension in the Mediterranean region, created by the violation of borders, the interruption and endangering of safe passage of civilian, commercial and passenger shipping, foreign occupation and the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

8. **Stresses** that tension in the Mediterranean region cannot be eliminated without a just and lasting solution of the Middle East problem that would restore the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, in accordance with international law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and would include Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, Jerusalem and South Lebanon;

9. **Reaffirms** in particular the resolution of the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union calling for the convening of an international conference on peace in the Middle East, under the auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of all parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization - the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people - Israel and the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council;

10. **Underscores and approves** of the role played by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East in creating conditions that are conducive to furthering the process of peace in the region;

11. **Condemns** the continuing colonization of the occupied Arab territories, which creates a deeply disturbing and dangerous situation exacerbated by Israel's organisation of the massive emigration and illegal settlement of Jews in these plundered lands, including Jerusalem, in violation of all resolutions adopted by international bodies and the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ;

12. **Calls upon** Governments and Parliaments to use the peaceful means at their disposal to prevent the establishment of new settlements or the extension of existing settlements in the occupied Arab territories by Israel]

13. **Expresses** deep concern over the dangerous situation in Lebanon and the continued violence that has resulted in the loss of thousands of lives;

14. **Calls for** the full implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) and 508 (1982) and 509 (1982) in order to

safeguard the territorial integrity of Lebanon, **its security** and its right to exercise sovereignty throughout its territory, and **calls upon** the aggressor immediately to cease its creeping annexation of territory in South Lebanon and to return the annexed lands, whose inhabitants have been evacuated, to **their** rightful owners;

15. **Urges** all parties concerned in Lebanon to refrain from engaging in hostilities and to strive to consolidate the legitimate power, reaffirms that the settlement of the Lebanese crisis must be based on Lebanon's sovereignty over all **of** its national territory, the **unity of its territory** and its freedom, as defined by the Teef Agreement, and **notes** that this is **the** only means **of** initiating a process leading to the settlement **of** the Lebanese **crisis**;

16. **Calls for** the release **of** all hostages held in Lebanon, particularly the International Committee **of the** Red Cross (ICRC) workers who have been **in** captivity for six months, so that the ICRC can pursue its humanitarian work while enjoying **the** respect it needs to **operate**;

17. **Expresses** deep concern at the **situation in** Cyprus which has significant implications **for** peace and **security** in the region, **condemns** the **continued** forced division **of** the island, the presence **of** occupation troops and settlers and the violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms **of** the people of the Republic of Cyprus, and **calls for** the immediate withdrawal of all Turkish troops **from** the island in line with United Nations **resolutions**;

18. **Resolutely supports** a just and lasting settlement of **the** Cyprus problem in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, in particular Security Council resolutions 541 (1983), 550 (1984), 649 (1990) and the high-level agreements of 1977 and 1979, which **form** the basis for satisfying the **interests** and concerns of both communities on the island;

19. **Calls upon** Governments and Parliaments to **use** the **means** at their disposal, urgently to promote a solution **to** the problem in accordance with the resolutions **of** the United Nations on Cyprus;

20. **Recommends** that the Inter-Parliamentary Council establish a committee to monitor the situation closely and report to the relevant bodies of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on developments in **Cyprus**;

21. **Condemns** the use of armed force in the settlement of international conflicts in the area;

22. **Reaffirms** the importance of intensifying and constantly fostering contacts and co-operation among Mediterranean States in various fields, with a view to furthering the establishment of peace and security in **the** region;

23. **Underlines** the importance of multi-faceted co-operation among Mediterranean States, and **calls upon** them to strengthen co-operation in all

economic and social fields, particularly economic development and the environment, so as to further promote the development of the region;

24. Welcomes the creation of the Arab Maghreb Union at Marrakesh, Morocco, on 17 February 1989, and of the Arab Co-operative Council on 16 February 1989, and hails these events as a factor of peace, stability, security and development in the region;

25. Calls upon European countries to ensure that in the process of expanding European economic co-operation, due attention is paid to the interests of non-European Mediterranean countries, and also calls upon all States concerned to exert every effort to alleviate the heavy debt burden;

26. Recommends the convening of a conference of parliamentarians of all Mediterranean States under IPU auspices with the object of discussing measures addressing environmental priorities, such as the means to combat the deplorable pollution of the sea, and defining measures aimed at promoting peace and security in the region and closer co-operation in various fields so as to further the interests of the peoples in the area.
