

**Joint Communiqué of the leaders and representatives  
of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot political parties**

Leaders and representatives of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot political parties participating in the bi-communal dialogue under the auspices of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Nicosia met on 27 March 2024 at the Ledra Palace Hotel.

They expressed opinions on the topic proposed by the hosting party United Democrats: **“Time is of the essence: Two generations of Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots have spent their lives in anticipation and disappointment. Let’s give the prospect of peace, cooperation, development and prosperity to the younger generations of Cypriots, before it’s too late. Let’s make geography work in our own favour.”**

The representatives of the political parties agreed that the current window of opportunity for the recommencement of negotiations for the solution of the Cyprus problem needs to be constructively utilised. They acknowledged that as it has become evident from developments in the Eastern Mediterranean, there are no frozen conflicts. They agreed that both communities in Cyprus as well as our neighbours in the Eastern Mediterranean will benefit from a peaceful mutually agreed solution of the Cyprus problem.

They noted with relief the interruption of hostilities in Gaza and called for a permanent cease fire and the return of all hostages.

The next meeting of the leaders and representatives of the political parties will be held on Wednesday 17th April 2024, with New Cyprus Party (YKP) as hosting party.

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