

Adopted resolution

The 2nd round of negotiations in Cyprus and protection of the island's natural environment

Given that:

- The leaders of the two communities have been engaged in fully-fledged talks for over a year (since September 2008).
- The leaders of the two communities have now completed "the first reading" of the issues that will constitute a comprehensive solution and have begun an in-depth second reading to increase convergence.
- Have also agreed on 22 concrete confidence building measures and are starting to implement them. The most recent development was an agreement to open the Limnitis crossing point across the buffer zone and when fully operational the new crossing point will improve access to services, like hospitals, and reinforce habits of cooperation.

We, the European Green Party urge Mr, Christofias and Mr Talat to:

- Continue uninterrupted the difficult second phase of direct negotiations aiming at a comprehensive agreed settlement as soon as possible which will be viable and long lasting, reunite the country and people of Cyprus, demilitarise the island and respect the human rights of the Greek and Turkish Cypriots as these are safeguarded in the European Union.
- Implement the above agreed confidence building measures.
- Engage the European Union as a facilitator for the achievement of the solution.
- Prioritise in the context of the confidence building measure the protection of the natural environment of Cyprus as a whole (unified ecology) from uncontrolled and inappropriate tourism and building development. Such measures should include the extension of the "Natura 2000" programme to areas of unique beauty and native habitat in the whole of the island, including areas such as Akamas and Karpasia.