

Geneva Informal Meeting on Cyprus

Geneva will be the venue for informal Cyprus soundings, 27-29 April 2021. "Informal 5-lateral" meeting, involving Republic of Cyprus, under the guise of Greek Cypriot community, the Turkish Cypriot community, Greece, Turkey and U.K. as "guarantor powers" of the Republic of Cyprus, is being convened by the U.N. Secretary General in accordance with his mandate. In this informal meeting participants will try to explore whether there is ground allowing for renewed talks.

There are hardly any expectations for success of the meeting, even less as the new Turkish Cypriot leader with full backing and guidance from Ankara strives for his illegal entity in the northern, occupied part of the island to gain international recognition. He is in fact asking the Republic to relinquish its status as the sovereign entity, member of the EU and the UN representing the entire island and to consent to its demise, to the irreparable detriment of both communities on the island.

Ankara's claims through their subordinates on the island will be rebuffed. Nobody, friend, or foe of Cyprus, would be willing to exchange the present unacceptable post 1974 invasion status on the island with something even worse and destabilizing. The evolution of the unitary Republic of Cyprus into a federal Republic with two constitutionally equal territorial units/ components, acting under an adequately empowered and cohesive central government, with a single sovereignty and international legal personality, without occupation troops and foreign guarantees, will make up a viable and functional settlement of this protracted conflict, ushering in a new era of stability.

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