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## <u>Subject: International Human Rights Day - Cyprus</u>

On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, the Cyprus Bar Association calls upon the European Parliament to enhance observance of European Human Rights.

This should not be confined to Member States but should also expand to 3<sup>rd</sup> Countries.

In particular there is a need for the European Parliament to request from Turkey the enforcement of the following judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in relation to Cypriots.

- (1) Xenides Aresti v. Turkey group of cases (2007) relating to violations of property rights and for which amounts in excess of €50m and restitution are pending.
- (2) Varnava a.o. v. Turkey (2009) relating to violations concerning missing and for which effective investigations are required along with damages in excess of €180.000.
- (3) Cyprus v. Turkey 4<sup>th</sup> Interstate application (2014) relating to violations of rights of families of missing and eclaved persons for damages in excess of €30m and €60m respectively.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

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