

Cyprus

- Having regard to Cyprus' application for membership of the EU and the progress achieved so far in the accession negotiations which started on 31 March 1998;
- Having regard to the United Nations resolutions on Cyprus and the effort undertaken by the Secretary-general towards reaching a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem;
- Having regard to the EU's stated policy to assist the United Nations' effort;

The ELDR Congress:

1. expresses its support to the conclusions of the Helsinki European Council of 1999 that a solution of the Cyprus problem will facilitate the accession of Cyprus to the European Union but that if no settlement is reached by the completion of the accession negotiations the Council's decision on accession will be made without the settlement being a precondition;
2. calls for a lasting settlement without any further delay in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions, the decisions of the competent bodies of the EU and the *acquis communautaire*;
3. considers that the *de facto* situation created by the force of arms is unacceptable and calls for the respect of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots and the implementation of the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights on Cyprus;
4. believes that Cyprus' accession to the EU will be beneficial for both communities on the island and urges the Turkish Cypriots to participate in the delegation of the republic of Cyprus responsible for the accession negotiations;
5. calls on both the competent EU bodies and the republic of Cyprus to intensively continue the accession negotiations, so that Cyprus becomes a full member of the EU in the next wave of enlargement.

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