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RESOLUTION

on the situation in the Republic of Cyprus

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1. *Whereas* during the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus the internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus was occupied, and later the Turkish Cypriot community declared its independence as the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus;
2. *Whereas* the United Nations Security Council on 18 November 1983 considered the declaration purporting to establish an independent state in Northern Cyprus issued by the Turkish Cypriot authorities on 15 November 1983 as invalid;
3. *Whereas* Northern Cyprus has received diplomatic recognition only from Turkey, while the remaining international community, including the United Nations and the European Union, recognizes the *de jure* sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus over the entire island;
4. *Whereas* the European Commission of Human Rights on 10 July 1976 concluded that by refusing to allow the return of as many as 170,000 Greek Cypriot refugees to their homes in the north of Cyprus, Turkey violated the European Convention on Human Rights and still continues to do so;
5. *Whereas* the European Commission of Human Rights on 10 July 1976 concluded that by evicting Greek Cypriots from their houses, including their own homes, by displacing them within the north of Cyprus, or by deporting them across the demarcation line, Turkey had equally violated the European Convention on Human Rights;
6. *Whereas* the European Commission of Human Rights on 10 July 1976 found that there was deprivation of possessions of Greek Cypriots on a large scale;
7. *Whereas* the European Court of Human Rights on 10 May 2001 delivered a judgment that there was a continuing violation of the European Convention on Human Rights by virtue of the failure of the authorities of Turkey to conduct an effective investigation into the

whereabouts and fate of the Greek Cypriot missing persons in respect of whom there was an arguable claim that they were in Turkish custody at the time of their disappearance;

The Young Leaders Forum of the Community of Democracies:

1. *Recognizing* that the conflict continues to affect relations among Turkey, Cyprus, Greece and the European Union;
2. *Recognizing* the need to eliminate physical and social barriers between the divided Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities;
3. *Recognizing* that now more than ever the Cyprus situation requires that the democratic community takes concrete steps to improve the state of democracy;
4. *Urges* the government of Turkey to conduct an effective investigation into the whereabouts and fate of the Greek Cypriot missing persons.