



## REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

The President

Nicosia, 17 May 2013.

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Through my Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Ioannis Kasoulides, I conveyed to Your Excellency my commitment to engage in negotiations under the mandate of your good offices mission with the Turkish side with the purpose of reaching a durable, workable and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

As Mr. Kasoulides explained during your meeting with him on 10 May 2013 in New York, the current difficult economic circumstances and conditions in Cyprus necessitate my full attention and engagement in order to address the immediate and most pressing problems which would pave the way for the restart of the economy. It is for this reason that we are unable to resume negotiations before next October. I appreciated the understanding you showed.

Perhaps it would be pertinent to remind you that negotiations were interrupted in March 2012 upon the insistence of the Turkish side under the pretext that the Republic of Cyprus was assuming the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. And this, despite Mr. D. Christofias', my predecessor's expressed willingness to continue the process during that period.

As you are aware, an invitation was extended by your Special Advisor for Cyprus Mr. Alexander Downer to the leaders of the two communities to participate at a dinner which would take place on May 29, 2013. I consented to attend following assurances from your Special Advisor that the dinner would be of a purely social nature. Such an event would serve the purpose of strengthening my relationship with Mr. D. Eroglou.

I am sorry to express my disappointment for the way this event has been treated during the last days, by your Special Advisor. Through actions and words, unfounded expectations have been deliberately raised in order to turn a purely social event into a meeting of high political significance.

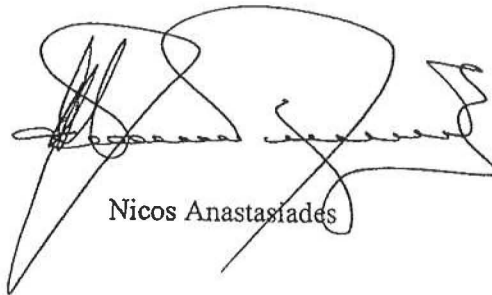
His Excellency  
Mr. Ban Ki-Moon  
Secretary General of the United Nations  
New York



In addition, I am obliged to inform you that in his effort to serve the above purposes. members of his team have divulged to unauthorized individuals inaccurate information resulting in undermining my credibility, as well as the prospects for the resumption of the negotiations.

With the above in mind, I am compelled to seriously reconsider my participation in the said event unless I am explicitly reassured by Your Excellency, personally and not through your Special Advisor, that the said event will take place as initially designed and agreed.

Yours Sincerely,



Nicos Anastasiades