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On the occasion of human rights today we would like to draw the attention of Your Excellency to the **International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance** (hereinafter the Convention).

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On 6 February 2007 the Convention was opened for signature in Paris. We were pleased to see that Cyprus was one of the countries to sign at that time. So far 81 countries have signed the Convention and 10 countries have ratified.

We welcome the positive attitude of the Cypriot government towards the Convention. However, we notice the lapse of more than two years since its signature with no further developments. Its paramount importance for Cyprus can hardly be overstated. Cyprus has long suffered from this practice with many disappearances of Cypriot citizens still being unresolved.

We have already communicated our concern with the fact that Cyprus has not yet taken effective steps towards ratification by addressing the competent Minister, Mr Loucas Louca.

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We would therefore urge you to promote the preparation of a ratifying law to the House of Representatives as a top priority of the Law Office of the Republic. The Convention will enter into force after 20 ratifications. Until today, 17 States have ratified it. By taking action without hesitation, Cyprus would be distinguished among the first countries to ratify the Convention and would therefore be instrumental to its entry into force.

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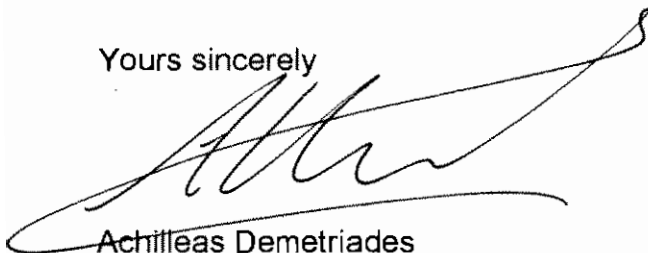
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We have already communicated our concern with the fact that Cyprus has not yet taken effective steps towards ratification by addressing Your Excellency on various occasions. We remain alarmed by the fact that no concrete steps towards swift ratification are taken.

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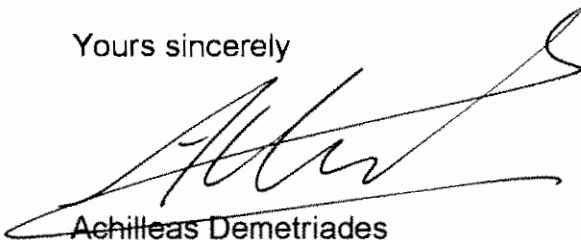
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