



TRUTH NOW applauds the statements made on the occasion of the International Day of the Disappeared and TRUTH NOW's statements, in relation to, inter alia, the creation of a Truth Commission.

However, as TRUTH NOW states in its announcement dated 29.8.16, "It is time for the powers that be to stop limiting themselves to words but to take action".

(https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1753552108236498&id=1471059386485773)

TRUTH NOW applauds the steps taken by the Republic of Cyprus in relation to the exhumations at the Tomb of Makedonitissa and at the Constantinou and Eleni Cemetery, and in this context, inter alia, it is expected that the Republic:

(a) Will forthwith ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, which the Republic of Cyprus signed in 2007, but has however not yet ratified;

As an aside, it is noted that on 23.03.2015 TRUTH NOW asked for clarification from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the delay observed in relation to the preparation of a ratifying bill (<http://www.truthnowcyprus.org/index.php/en/announcements/item/50-letter-to-the-ministry-of-foreign-affairs-for-the-ratification-of-the-convention>), however, it has not yet received a reply.

(b) Will proceed at long last with the effective investigation into and revelation of the truth in relation to the collection of the dead that took place on 17.8.1974, during an agreed ceasefire, in the Ayios Pavlos area in Nicosia, and their burial at Lakatamia Cemetery, amongst whom many of our missing persons were included.

(c) Will generally take all necessary measures for the restoration of the truth and justice and to provide guarantees of non repetition of similar events and mistakes.

TRUTH NOW calls upon the Republic of Cyprus to show its genuine support in the struggle of the missing persons and its effective and exemplary respect towards the families of all the missing persons of Cyprus.

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