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18 March 2014

Honourable Mrs.  
Vasiliki Anastasiadou  
General Director at the House of Representatives  
House of Representatives  
Nicosia

VIA FAX & BY HAND

Your Honourable Mrs Anastasiadou,

**Re: Ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance**

We would like to address your office, concerning the above issue, after being informed, that the draft Ratification Law for the ratification of the above International Convention has come before the House of Representatives for examination and vote.

Given the existence of the serious humanitarian issue of missing persons and the sensitivity of the Republic regarding the said matter as well as its commitment for the protection of human rights towards the international community, we believe that the Republic must proceed with the ratification of the Convention as soon as possible.

We invite you to proceed with the necessary steps so as to the above matter is moved forward immediately.

We remain at your disposal for any clarifications.

Yours sincerely,

Achilleas Demetriades