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Honourable Mr.
Ioannis Kasoulides
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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VIA FAX & POST

Honourable Mr Kasoulides,

RE: Ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons against Enforced Disappearance

We would once again like to address your Ministry, further to our previous letters in which we invited you to proceed with the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of Persons against Enforced Disappearance (hereinafter 'the Convention').

We have been recently informed about the question submitted by the MP Mr. Perdakis and your relevant reply dated 9.3.2015.

In view of this TRUTH NOW would like to congratulate your Ministry for the submission of the relevant proposal to the Council of Ministers and for the authorization it received, especially given the lapse of considerable time from the date when the Republic of Cyprus had signed the Convention.

Additionally TRUTH NOW would like to address some questions to you and looks forward to your prompt reply. Specifically:

1. Which are the complex provisions of the text of the Convention which provide a significant number of amendments and changes to which you refer in your letter?

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2. What are the legal and administrative adjustments in which the Government intends to proceed with and which, as you mention would result in financial burden?

3. If the above have already being put in motion, which are those provisions of the Convention that are under careful examination by the competent departments, particularly given the fact that the Convention has been signed since 2007 and its ratification has been decided?

We remain at your disposal for any clarification and thank you in advance for your prompt response to a humanitarian issue of public interest like this.

Sincerely,

Natasa Iakovou
On behalf of TRUTH NOW