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QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION DURING THE CONFIRMATION HEARING OF

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Does the Obama Administration:

- support a settlement of the Cyprus problem through negotiations based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation in a state with a single sovereignty and international personality, incorporating the norms of a constitutional democracy embracing key American principles, the EU *acquis communautaire* and EU Founding Treaty, UN resolutions on Cyprus, the pertinent decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and of other European Courts -- as is the best interests of the United States?
- support the removal of Turkey's 43,000 occupation troops illegally in Cyprus?
- support the return of the more than 180,000 illegal Turkish colonists/settlers in Cyprus to Turkey and for a halt to the illegal act of bringing more colonists/settlers from Turkey to occupied Cyprus to illegally change the demographics of the island and of the Turkish Cypriot community, all of which is in violation of the Geneva Convention of 1949?
- support the restoration of property illegally taken in the northern-occupied area of Cyprus to their rightful owners and payment by Turkey to the owners for deprivation of the use of their property?
- support for the return of the sealed-off section of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants by Turkey as noted in UN Security Council resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) and the 1979 High Level Agreement between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, which stated that priority should be given to the resettlement of Famagusta under the UN auspices? This position was recently reaffirmed by the European Parliament in a written declaration issued February 2012.
- support urging Ankara not to manipulate the direct talks or restrict the Turkish Cypriots during negotiations?
- support urging Ankara to normalize relations with the Republic of Cyprus, a member of the European Union (a body to which Turkey aspires to join) and current holder of the EU presidency, as agreed to by Turkey?
- support the monitoring the enforcement of the law, 22 U.S.C. sec. 2373(e), which prohibits the transfer to Cyprus of arms which are supplied by United States?
- support the passage of legislation that calls for the removal of Turkish troops from Cyprus, the return of the illegal settlers/colonists to Turkey, and a solution to the Cyprus problem based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation in a state with single sovereignty and international personality. (See S.Con.Res.47 and H.Res.676)?
- support the enactment of the American Owned Property in Occupied Cyprus Claims Act (H.R.2597), which provides two distinct and separate processes by which **U.S. nationals** can seek the fair rental value of their property in Turkish occupied Cyprus?
- support the Republic of Cyprus's sovereign right to explore for hydrocarbon reserves and other natural resources in its exclusive economic zone (EEZ)?