



3rd MEDMEP Session
October 2019 - Nicosia, Cyprus

Preparation Module | AFET (SEDE) Committee

Dear delegates of the committee on Foreign Affairs,

First of all, let us congratulate you on your place in the committee. We, Luka, Stefanos and Athena, as your chairs, will be guiding you through this session and are looking forward to a wonderful time in Cyprus.

The issue you will face reads as follows:

The question of violation of human rights in Cyprus by Turkey:
*The European Court of Human Rights has found the government of Turkey culpable for gross and systematic violations of human rights in Cyprus, the last divided EU country. Considering the United Nations' resolutions, which demand the safe return of refugees to their homes and call for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cyprus, **how can the EU contribute to the implementation of the above and restoration of all human rights that Cypriots have been deprived of since 1974?***

Below you will find several links concerning the issue. We urge you to use all sources available. Moreover, we encourage you to conduct your own research, as writing a well-founded resolution and defending it is a lot of hard work and requires you to be well prepared, highly motivated and able to work together as a team. Be creative, think outside of the box and speak up whenever something comes to your mind, the resolution won't write itself.

We hope that our links are useful for your preparation and are looking forward to meeting you all at the upcoming session in Cyprus!



Discussion

The discussion will revolve around the violation of Human Rights in Cyprus by Turkey after 1974. We will mainly focus on ways the European Union can contribute to the resolution of the issue, the safe return of refugees to their homes and reclaim the independence and sovereignty of its territory.

Expectations

We expect you to come prepared and have the required knowledge to enable us all to have lively and fruitful committee discussions. Here are some points that you should look into with the help of the attached links and also with additional research if needs be:

- **Ideas of other measures**
- **Be aware of your country's position**
- **Knowledge of the situation and the background story of the conflict**
- **Position Paper:** You will need to bring with you a quick, objective overview of your country's position, as well as what points you intend to discuss during the committee meetings.

Preparation links

Basics

- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17217956>
- <https://www.eurotopics.net/en/180569/the-cyprus-conflict#>
- <https://www.manchesteropenhive.com/view/9781526137906/9781526137906.00010.xml>
- http://www.kypros.org/Cyprus_Problem/Turkish-Atrocities.html#top
- <https://www.slideshare.net/emrcetinkaya/turkey-cyprus-conflict-with-greece-historical>
- https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session37/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session37/Documents/A_HRC_37_22_EN.docx&action=default&DefaultItemOpen=1
- <https://cyprus-mail.com/2018/11/08/cyprus-problem-is-european-problem-says-anastasiades/amp/>

EEZ of the Republic of Cyprus dispute:

- [http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/3151B8BA8E492239C225840B00415D3C/\\$file/FOR%20WEB%20Presentation%20to%20EU%20HoMs%2031.05.2019%20\(FINAL%2031.05.2019\)ii.pdf](http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/3151B8BA8E492239C225840B00415D3C/$file/FOR%20WEB%20Presentation%20to%20EU%20HoMs%2031.05.2019%20(FINAL%2031.05.2019)ii.pdf)

Human Rights Violations by the Turkish Republic:

- Destruction of cultural heritage
http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/Embassies/embassy_thehague.nsf/ecsw18_en/ecsw18_en?OpenDocument



- Enclaved Persons:
http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/mfa11_en/mfa11_en?OpenDocument
<http://www.moi.gov.cy/MOI/pio/pio.nsf/All/803883940B86E8D3C2256D6D001EB5CA?OpenDocument>
- Missing People
http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/Embassies/embassy_thehague.nsf/ecsw15_en/ecsw15_en?OpenDocument
- Greek Cypriot properties
http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/Embassies/embassy_thehague.nsf/ecsw19_en/ecsw19_en?OpenDocument
- Articles about the Human Rights Violations
<https://english.cyprustimes.com/cyprus/news/house-president-exposes-massive-violations-human-rights-cyprus-turkey/>
<https://www.cyprusnet.com/article/violations-of-human-rights-in-cyprus.html>
[http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/pio/pio.nsf/0/5CFDB55E726D86C1C2256DC3007953BB/\\$file/Application%20no%2025781_94.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/pio/pio.nsf/0/5CFDB55E726D86C1C2256DC3007953BB/$file/Application%20no%2025781_94.pdf?OpenElement)
- political situation in the occupied areas
<http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/All/663178FC5592CDE3C2257F9C0034A158?OpenDocument>

European Union Policies:

- https://echr.coe.int/Documents/CP_Turkey_ENG.pdf
- <https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng#%7B%22itemid%22:%5B%22001-144151%22%5D%7D>
- https://ec.europa.eu/cyprus/about-us/turkish-cypriots_en
- <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:12003T/PRO/10>

United Nation Talks:

- <http://www.uncyprustalks.org/>