

LETTER TO THE EUROPEANS
FROM THE CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
with respect TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON SPECIFIC ECONOMIC POLICY CONDITIONALITY

To the President and all the MPs of

Parliament of Belgium

National Assembly of France

German Bundestag

National Council of Slovakia

Parliament of Finland

Parliament of Netherlands

Nicosia, 14th April 2013

Dear Sirs,

This letter is dispatched from the most southern and the most eastern part of Europe. It is sent to you from the island, which in the Europeans' mind is identified with the birth of a goddess: Aphrodite. This letter is, therefore, sent from Cyprus indeed.

It addresses all of you as representatives of the European Peoples and is dispatched by equal citizens of our Union.

Our island country acceded to the European Union upon signing the accession Treaty on the 16th April 2003. Yet, **the Charter of the Fundamental Rights of the European Union** was available in the whole Cyprus and mostly in schools several months prior to the country's accession. Considering the European spirit History throughout times, both you and we know that this important document is a precept of our continent indeed, since it brings together the tradition of the democratic political thought founded by the Greeks: from the Politics of Aristotle to the MAGNA CARTA, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen in the French Revolution, but also to the United States Declaration of Independence and the UNO Universal Declaration of Human Rights - which are Europe's spiritual work too - and last but not least the European Convention on Human Rights.

Therefore, in accordance with the Charter the EU is based on the Law of Order, which in compliance with all the actions or decisions undertaken or taken by the European Institutions should rely upon the treaties, which our common Constitution is composed of. Thus, from the Treaty of Lisbon in 2009 onwards, any country wishing to become a member State is requested to endorse the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)

Then, in our Union *"we considered but the concept and not the frontiers, the mean competitions and the unfounded second thoughts ... we talked about Europe and we meant our Homeland ...*

we meant the deep feeling emanating from historical experience, cultural notions and human solidarity called Homeland ... ". 1

Ten years have hardly passed since 2003.

In our capacity as the people and the citizens of the Republic of Cyprus not exceeding in numbers 800.000 creatures, we have for several months facing a European plan under development, which violates all concepts of Law and Rationale. We become conscious of that expansionist ideologies have since many years aroused some European powers' interest in lobbying aiming at creating satellite relationship and achieving colonization in order to divide again the world into the so called "New Order of Things". Despite that after so many bloody social and political struggles, justice, human solidarity and sensitive conscience for the tragedy experienced by human beings are integrated in the European identity, we also become aware in this small European out-of-the-way place that « **Europe, the big Homeland has eventually been nothing else but a market governed by wild laws in a context of killing one another financially, an arena of a grim juxtaposition of selfish national motives looked after, an area where cynicism is experienced, where there is nothing left from Erasmus Humanism but the STULTITIAE LAUS (THE PRAISE OF FOLLY)**». 2

We have since 2008 going through a severely growing economic crisis like all the countries in Europe but also elsewhere and we have been forced to look for assistance as provided by the European Stability Mechanism - ESM, as in the case of other countries. Looking for this aid "relies upon the indivisible and universal values of human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity and it is based upon the principles of democracy and the law of order" as derived from the "spiritual and ethical heritage" of the above stated Charter; furthermore it has been an act of necessity by our Republic towards the dictatorship of the markets. 3

And all of a sudden, since then and mostly from February 2012, our people have been experiencing a tragedy.

As you already know, on 25th March 2013 the Eurogroup imposed on Cyprus a haircut on the deposits. In fact they embezzled the deposits of European and foreign citizens, most of them being innocent and grass root people living their daily life. According to unquestionable data more than 60% of the deposits belonging to Cypriots have been be haircut.

1. G. A. Mangakis THE SOLIDARITY WE HAVE DREAMED OF, page 12, published by Livanis 1994. George Alexandros Mangakis is known to the European spiritual and political circles for his struggles against the Greek Junta. In September 1967 he denounced in his capacity as a professorship, the dictatorship of the colonels and resigned at the end of his address to his students, entitled "PARTING CLASS". In February 1971 he sent to the European Peoples from his jail cell the historic article: "LETTER IN A BOTTLE", which was published worldwide and it is taught until present times in American and German Universities. In June 1994, G.A. Mangakis from his position as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Greek government sends "ANOTHER LETTER BY AN IMPENITENT EUROPEAN - THE SOLIDARITY WE HAVE DREAMED OF" denouncing the partition of Yugoslavia.

2. G. A. Mangakis THE SOLIDARITY WE HAVE DREAMED OF, page 22, published by Livanis 1994.

3. See preamble of the CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

Yet, what you might not know but it has been in the full blaze of publicity is that the European Central Bank has prior to our country having recourse to the ESM, channelled through the mechanism of Emergency Liquidity Assistance credit amounting to many billions euros to LAIKI private Cypriot bank. 4

Yet, while the European Central Bank was channelling behind the people's and their representatives' back crazy sums to Laiki Bank on a monthly basis, being aware of this bank going bankrupt, the Cypriot Minister of Finance and the representative of our Central Bank appeared suddenly before the Cypriot Parliament on Thursday 17th May in the morning accompanied by their collaborators. They laid before the Finance Committee convoked urgently a request: immediate 1,8 billions euros State contribution for the recapitalization of the run into debt Laiki, as required by the European Supervisory Authority by 30th June 2012! In fact, they were asking the Finance Committee to enact a law in order to Laiki Bank being purchased by the State, which would take over the Bank's loss! Otherwise, according to the allegations of the gathered experts, the whole country is collapsing, since the second biggest Cypriot bank is closing down, causing systemic economic disturbance! According to their allegations that was the reason why they exerted pressure upon enacting overnight a law. 5

According to many MPs' statements actually they found themselves under pressure and blackmail while their decision has been the outcome of misinformation. 6

NO ONE and FROM NOWHERE: neither the European Central Bank nor the Central Bank of Cyprus and the Ministry of Finance has ever informed them that Laiki's liquidity was constantly ensured by the Emergency Liquidity Assistance, having, already borrowed 5,7 billions. Our MPs have, acting in the dark, caused with their decision the debt of the Central Bank of Cyprus to increase further, since Laiki has eventually collapsed by reaching a 9,8 billions euros Emergency Liquidity Assistance! You should note that our small country's GDP does not exceed 18 billions euros. Therefore, the European Central Bank has jointly with the Central Bank of Cyprus granted a loan exceeding the 55% of the GDP to a private institution, thoughtlessly, while being aware of the real facts. The said amount has been equal to the total deficit of the Cyprus Public Sector for 13 years, which they currently demand the Cypriot citizen to pay off through complicated procedures lacking transparency!

No matter whether our officials have acted impartially as ECONOMIC MURDERERS being ignorant, subjugated, fearful or bribed – History will reveal so sooner or later - do you consider it is fair for such an institution like the European Central Bank, the Bankers' Bank in Europe to lend fabulous amounts of money to a private Bank behind the People's and the Parliament's back and then instead of claiming this money from the debtors to blackmail the People, the MPs and the Government of the country by refusing to ensure liquidity as the Eurogroup did on the 15th and then again on the 24th March?

4. See Cypriot paper FILELEFTHEROS dd 26th March 2013
and visit <http://www.philenews.com/el-gr/eidiseis-politiki/39/138285/laiki-ela-92-dis-se-18-mines>

5. See MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, X Parliamentary Period – A Session – Meeting 17th May 2012, number 37

6. See statements to the Cyprus News Agency by the Cypriot deputies on 9th April 2013
<http://www.alithia.com.cy/index.php/oikonomia/item/9864-1-8>

What is even worst: Do you consider it is fair indeed for the European Central Bank, which all our countries are equal partners of, to victimize each depositor having saving accounts with our Banks and to rush, “ *on the just and on the unjust* ” 7, at these saving accounts with a balance higher than 100.000, calling this embezzlement: taxation or even haircut?

Sirs,

At this very moment a Memorandum of Understanding for the provision of financial aid to the Republic of Cyprus is before you and you are invited to vote for it and make it enforceable. In the whole world we all know that this Memorandum is the outcome of blackmails and threats against our Government and its officials who attended the 15th and the 24th March Eurogroup but have not proved as brave as they should be. Further to the so called “haircut” as analysed above, the questions we would love to ask are stated here below:

Does the so called “Eurogroup” have any legal authority enacted by law to take such decisions abolishing the sovereignty and the freedom of Peoples and to such an extent as to throw the European citizens to misfortune, despair, disgrace, hanger and misery?

As you know and we do too, in the Treaty of Lisbon Protocol 14, Article 1 dated 1st December 2009 it reads: “ *The Ministers of the Member States ... shall meet informally... to discuss questions related to the responsibilities they share with regard to the single currency. The Commission shall take part in the meetings. The European Central Bank shall be invited to take part in such meetings, which shall be prepared by the representatives of the Ministers ...* ”.

Here, it is a matter of coordinating and an informal role indeed, which in 2008 made the French President Sarkozy express the view that as far as the Eurogroup is concerned “*only heads of State and government have the necessary democratic legitimacy and that it should be replaced by a clearly clearly identifiable economic government* ”.

Therefore, do you believe that this informal institution is authorised to take any decision or enact any law? Do you believe that it may be even authorised to circumvent the fundamental human rights like the most sacred property right? How could ever a Union declaring in its Charter article 17 that *each person has the right to be the owner of his or her legally acquired goods*, may think of the possibility to get the Cypriots but also the foreign depositors deprived of their property by robbing it through such informal institutions? Furthermore, according to what our People reads in the press, the so called Emergency Liquidity Assistance mechanism of the European Central Bank does not make public its functioning rules and any information about its debtors either. Yet, the European Central Bank acting in such secrecy considers then it is justifiable, fair and ethical to burden the Cypriot People and the depositors of any bank with the loans its own insolvent debtor has managed as private money? 8

7. “ *On the just and on the unjust* ”: The Gospel according to ST. MATHIEW, e’ 45.

8. See statement and watch live interview by the Greek MEP Theodoro Skylakaki by visiting <http://www.capital.gr/News.asp?id=1759913> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4GHPm21ivg&list=UUQAhd_MOp7fmYip-9V0mlVA&index=4

As you understand, our Government has submitted to the blackmails for a haircut of the deposits at the BANK OF CYPRUS and the LAIKI BANK in order to get liquidity and to convert the bank debt to a public one. However, now our government faces further blackmails compressed in the Memorandum presented before you, which the first HYBRIS is the text language itself: even a fifteen-year old boy may understand that it is not an AGREEMENT but an ORDER, which the authors – just listen to that – had the derring-do to deliver to our MPs and to all of you with the frontispiece “ **CONTAINS SENSITIVE INFORMATION NOT FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION** ”!

However, we are deprived of our wright to know the content of this very ORDER the content of which concerning our life and comprising:

- Forced privatisations, deprivation of Semi Governmental Institutions ownership and conveyance of the Republic’s assets, imposing fiercely anti-social measures violating economic and social rights, activating immediately mortgages and forcing the citizens to move from their permanent residences, questioning the State sovereign on our natural resources, integrating compulsorily our energy system into regional markets and last but not least, settling of the Troika to act as the supreme authority, which without being a legal authority it is the one to decide on everything.

Dear MP,

What the Cypriots citizens cannot forgive is neither the fact that the bankers have nibbled away their life savings on the suggestion of the informal and illegal Eurogroup,

Nor is it that they are fired or their businesses close down and yet they are looking for something to eat in the dustbins in order to survive,

Nor that their children emigrate,

Nor that they will lose ownership of their mortgaged houses by sped-up procedures in accordance with the Memorandum presented to you,

They cannot forgive mostly the fact that the European conduct lacks ETHICS.

The informal recommendations by the Ministers of the big countries may be called after “decisions” out there; all the humanitarian disaster of a small country may be called after “necessary measures for “the financial stability”; it may also be considered a “necessary punishment” because as they say “laundering money transactions take place in Cyprus” – while laundering money transactions are deemed not taking place elsewhere in Europe!

However, no one can ever consider it an ETHICAL AND HONEST POSITION.

Dear European fellow-citizens,

The Memorandum of Understanding for Cyprus is presented right now before you. This is the Memorandum by which the disaster coming upon Cyprus is going to be sealed. Yet, it is up to you to ratify it or not.

You should not because it is UNETHICAL,

And because the first crime has already being committed by haircutting the deposits; furthermore, according to philosophy of the ancient Greek drama, where a series of crimes start happening and are pursued, an HYBRIS is brought about and more it occurs over and over again, it leads to NEMESIS. At this very moment, the series of HYBRIS should stop here in order that CATHARSIS and not NEMESIS may come up.

You should not be let guided by any other power, neither your party nor your government nor your salary nor any blackmails not the fact that our Government may be prove fearful and not at all brave nor the fact that some of our officials are likely to be involved in corruption. Do not hide yourselves behind all the above stated. The vote down of the Memorandum by your Parliament concludes an utmost display of support towards our Parliament but also pressure on your Government so it may show its solidarity to our People, in a manner respecting human dignity as well as our national sovereignty.

What you are required by History to do is to listen to the VOICE OF YOUR CONSCIENCE.

The VOICE OF CONSCIENCE is initially identified in ORESTES by Euripides; then it goes to MARCUS AURELIUS and is identified later in ERASMUS to be transposed to MIGUEL DE CERVANTES, to GIORDANO BRUNO and to WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE. A hundred years later this voice of Conscience is taken over by VOLTAIRE and ROUSSEAU to be pursued by IMMANUEL KANT, GOETHE and KARL MARX. Further hundred years later it is taken over by UNAMUNO, PESSOA, BERTRAND RUSSEL, JAMES JOYCE and HENRIK VON BRICHT. Lastly it is taken over by RAOUL VANEIGEM, PETER HANDKE and SLAVOJ ZIZEK.

When Menelaus looked at Orestes tearing to pieces under the burden of guilt for the matricide, he asks him: *“What ails thee? What is thy deadly sickness? (Τι χρέμα πάσχεις; Τις σ’ απόλλουσιν νόσος;)”*. Then Orestes, a young nobleman, brought to his knees, looking panicky answers: *“My CONSCIENCE; I know that I am guilty of an awful crime! (Η σύνεσις, ότι σύνοιδα δειν’ εργασμένος!)”*. 9

We have to reveal that at that time precisely, in that ancient Greek text in ORESTES by Euripides as taught during the City Dionysia in March 408 B.C., which is a common European heritage, THE CONSCIENCE was introduced as a word and as a concept for the first time.

The grander this inspiration about the human liability has been since then for all of us, the more unforgivable this hypocrisy of excuses for the horror being the outcome of our own acts.

This CONSCIENCE should be revoked by all of you the European Members of Parliaments, descendants, according to the European tradition belief, of Democracy and Humanism and you should refuse to sign this text aiming at legalizing unfair acts leading free citizens to a debt slavery who expect in exchange a financial aid, which you should know that the Cypriot People considers a HUMILIATING LOAN.

9. See ORESTES by Euripides, ancient text, verses 395 and 396, translation into English by E.P. Coleridge.

THE CITIZENS SIGNING

FULL NAME

PROFESSION

Andreou Maria	private employee
Andreou Panagiotis	business manager
Andreou Zanna	secretary
Angelides Simos	lawyer
Anna Christou	housewife
Antartis Solon	teacher
Archontidis Xenis	businessman
Athanasiadis Spyros	Turkish Studies
Athienitou Katerina	restorator of Monuments
Batas Marios	civil engineer
Chariklidou Meropi	philologist
Chrisafi Katia	physiotherapist
Christodoulou George	teacher
Christodoulou Marios	lawyer
Christodoulou Victoria	lawyer
Christofidis Athanasios	civil engineer
Christoforou Stelios	businessman
Christou Heraklis	Smith
Constantinou Elena	lawyer
Constantinou Elena	student
Constantinou Evangelia	housewife
Constantinou Panikos	private employee
Constantionou Maroula	housewife
Davidian Eleni	government employee
Davidian Jean	civil engineer
Diomidous Odysseas	lawyer
Dramatinou Kali	private employee
Drymiotis Renos	veteran officer
Erotokritou Athos	psychologist, dramatherapist
Euagorou Andreas	student
Euagorou Elena	makeup
Euagorou Takis	worker
Eudokas Petros	biology, naturopathy
Euripidou Ksenia	private secretary
Fallas Haris	private employee
Fallas Nikos	President of the Coordination Committee of Karpasia
Filippou Christos	economic analyst
Filippou Savvas	economist
Fotiadis Fotos	actor, theatre director
Fotiou Marina	business manager
Fotiou Stavros	electrician
Fotiou Vasiliki	teacher, writer
Garfield Philip	engineer

Gavriliadis Christoforos	teacher
Georgiadi Koula	housewife
Georgiou Alik	historian
Georgiou Georgia	government employee
Georgiou Simos	postman
Gerolemidis Giorgos	unemployed
Giannopoulos Christos	Writer
Giannopoulou Stefania	Vet
Hatzipanagiotou Aris	lawyer
Hatzisolomou Chriso	private secretary
Ierodiakonos Georgios	Writer
Ioannides Kleanthis	industrialist
Ioannides Panos	lawyer
Ioannou Andros	Author
Kakkouli Toula	play writer
Kakkoulis Doros	lawyer
Kallias Andreas	air traffic controller
Kalozois George	poet, philologist
Kaoullas Lambros	criminologist
Kaplani Dora	jeweller
Kaplani Giannoulla	ethnologist
Karagiorgi Katia	government employee
Katsoni Chriso	musician
Katsonis Alexandros	electrician
Katsonis George	Doctor
Kiranidis Athos	economics
Kittos Petros	tv director
Kittou Thekla	film director
Kliridou Elena	private employee
Konstantinou Ioanna	lawyer
Kyriakidis Giannis	President of the Union of Cyprus Refugees
Konstantinou Pantelitsa	jeweller
Kouppanou Eleni	teacher
Kourousaklis Christakis	medical advisor
Kozakou Elena	restorator of Monuments
Kozakou Giannis	screenwriter, producer
Kyprianou Tasoula	interpreter
Kyprianou Vasilis	businessman
Lagos Fanos	lawyer
Lapathotis Demetris	furniture restorer
Leonidou Maria	sociologist
Livera Fanoulla	nursery governess
Loizidis Kostakis	typographer
Makridis Krinos	businessman
Makris Kostas	ecologist
Matsi Sofia	chemist
Mauroskoufis Aris	teacher

Michael Militsa	business manager
Michail Chrysanthi	marketing
Michailides Mikis	government employee
Michailidou Marina	banker
Mitsides George	programmer
Morfis Dimitris	psychologist
Motovilova Katerina	hotel director
Mouzoura Skevi	housewife
Mpasta Georgia	communicator
Nikolaou Giorgos	media professor, journalist
Ntomik Dinos	University lecturer
Orfanou Xenios	free lance professional
Panagi Christina	nursery governess
Panagidis Stratos	ex Vice President of the EUROPEAN PARTY
Panagiotou Panos	art professor
Panaretou Agis	businessman
Panaretou Electra	educator
Papadopoulos Giannis	sportswriter
Papadopoulos Michalis	journalist
Papadopoulos Nikolaos	private employee
Papageorgopoulou Fani	aesthetician
Papaioannou Panayiotis	teacher
Papairakleous Venizelos	teacher
Papakosta Elena	government employee
Papazacharias Stefanos	constructor
Paraskeva Lambros	banker
Patatakos Kyriakos	merchant
Pavlidis Charalambos	business Director
Pavlidis Pavlos	engineer
Pavlidou Panagiota	banker
Petropoulos Alexios	robotics applications
Platritis Kyriakos	dr. clinical psychologist
Polydorou Despo	businessman
Polydorou Pavlos	businessman
Prentza Nikoleta	informatic programmer
Prentzas Nikos	informatic programmer
Sarantidou Maria	secretary
Savvas Georgios	engineer
Savvides Savvas	teacher
Seimeni Charoula	government employee
Siatis Kyros	merchant
Sismanis Andreas	President of the Peace Movement, doctor and poet
Stefanou Maria	teacher
Stefanou Theodosis	landowner
Stylianou Makaria Antri	teacher
Stylianou Marina	government employee

Stylianou Stella	teacher
Tenezi Tasoula	writer
Themistokli Andria	unemployed
Themistokli Anna	banker
Themistokli Ioanna	lawyer
Themistokli Sokratis	unemployed
Themistoklis Nikos	property development
Theodorou Zinonas	computer programmer
Theodosiou Petros	free lance professional
Tilemachos Tilemachos	engineer
Tserkezou Elena	business manager
Tsimilis Kyriakos	chemist
Tzieslis Gregory	medical equipment salesman
Vakanas Andreas	barber
Valanidis Kostas	journalist
Valianti Elena	self employed
Xatzipieri Maro	micro sculptor
Yiagou Hristakis	unemployed
Zaxariou Michalis	barrister
Zografos George	bailiff
Zografos Petros	postman

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