



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reply of the Authorities of the Republic of Cyprus
regarding the alert with title "Journalist Esra Aygin Receives Death Threats after Criticising
"Northern Cypriot President" Ersin Tatar", created on 18 January 2021

The Alert concerns events that took place in the part of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus where its Government does not exercise effective control, due to the 1974 military invasion and the subsequent occupation of that part of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey.

The use of the term "Northern Cypriot President" for the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community of Cyprus is unacceptable, since there is only one Cypriot state, the Republic of Cyprus. The unilateral declaration of the illegal secessionist entity in the occupied part of the island was condemned by the UN Security Council which considered the declaration as legally invalid, called for its withdrawal and called upon all States not to recognize any Cypriot state other than the Republic of Cyprus (Resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984)).

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus wishes to recall herewith that the European Court of Human Rights in its Judgement of the 10th of May 2001 on the case of Cyprus v. Turkey, found, at para. 77, that Turkey, which has "effective control over northern Cyprus", is responsible for securing all human rights under European Convention on Human Rights.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus requests for the appropriate corrections to be made to the text of the Alert.

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