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Unilateral opening of Varosha coastline

Dear President,

Thank you for your letter of 8 October to our President Regis Degelcke on the announcement two days before by the authorities in Ankara that they were opening the Varosha coastline in breach of international law. The President has asked me to reply on his behalf.

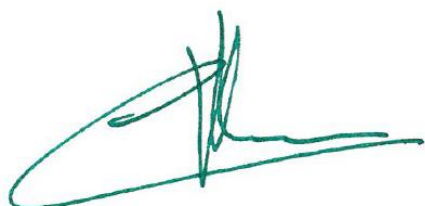
Anyone who has visited Cyprus, looked across the border to the north of the island and seen pictures of Varosha would wish to see a resolution of the long-standing and painful division of the island of Cyprus, of which the Varosha ghost town is a graphic and sad symbol.

I can, I believe, speak for all of our members in saying that we support the statement made by the EU High Representative Josep Borell on 13 October here in Brussels, expressing major concern at the action on Varosha, calling for the speedy resumption of negotiations under the auspices of the UN on a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded.

We therefore join you in wishing to see the Turkish authorities act accordingly.

I would also like to add all our very best wishes to you and your members, and our hopes that the Cyprus economy and people will soon be able to recover from the damage caused by the COVID-19 virus.

Yours sincerely,



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