



100 Days as President



“

(...) we explained these thoughts to our people and received their approval, which means it is a contract I made with my people and it is the most important document that is binding. There is no doubt that I will act accordingly as long as I am in office.

I will never forget that I will be a tenant and not a proprietor of this historical building that I will go into today soon after the ceremony. I will never forget, not even for a second, that the real proprietor is our people.

We will shape our future together on this land, regardless of religion, language, race, colour and ethnicity. I wholeheartedly believe that we will reach a brighter future working together. Please accept my best wishes, love and respect.

”



Mustafa AKINCI
President

April 30th, 2015





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1st MEETING

After assuming office on 30 April 2015, President Akinci met with the Greek Cypriot leader Nicos Anastasiades for the first time at a dinner hosted by the UN's Secretary General's Special Adviser Espen Eide at the Ledra Hotel Palace on 11 May 2015. The first meeting paved the way for the resumption of the talks which were suspended since early 2014.

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It has been a positive meeting and we have made a good start

”

President AKINCI



Negotiations

carried out with sincerity and determination in order to solve the Cyprus problem.



2nd MEETING

President Akıncı and Greek Cypriot leader Anastasiadis met at the buffer zone to start the talks with a view to establish a bi-zonal, bi communal federation within the framework of the joint statement of 11 February 2014.

“
Our aim is to reach a bi-zonal, bi-communal settlement; none of the sides want to lose time
”

President AKINCI



Duration: 3 and half hours

- ✓ It has been agreed to hold meetings with the presence of the two leaders at least twice a month.
- ✓ Greek Cypriot Leader Anastasiades presented the coordinates of 28 minefields to President Akıncı.
- ✓ The long standing visa requirement at the crossing points has been lifted by the Turkish Cypriot side as of 15 May 2015 as a Confidence Building Measure.
- ✓ It has been decided to establish a joint Culture and Arts Committee.



You can watch the video of President Akıncı's statements following this meeting by using this QR code.



3rd MEETING

“
Progress has been achieved but the road ahead is still long
”

President AKINCI



Duration: 4 and half hours

The two Leaders,

- ✓ For the first time, made a joint appeal regarding the crucial humanitarian issue of missing persons.
- ✓ Agreed to work towards the opening of more crossing points, starting with Lefke-Aplic and Derinya.
- ✓ Agreed to interconnect electricity grids, and to start taking the practical steps towards this goal. Once completed, the project will reduce the strain from the electricity grid on both sides and provide benefits for consumers.
- ✓ Agreed to start the necessary work for achieving mobile phone interoperability on the island.
- ✓ Agreed to start the necessary work to prevent radio frequency interferences.
- ✓ Agreed to establish a committee on gender equality.



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4th MEETING

“
The screening process has been completed. As of 29 June, substantial negotiations will start
”

President AKINCI



Duration: 4 hours

Following the completion of the screening process progress was made in the preparation of the “Akinci-Anastasiadis Documents”, thus paving the way for moving into substantial negotiations phase.



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5th MEETING

“
The core issues have been discussed for the first time and progress has been achieved. The works on electricity, mobile phones and other issues have also reached a certain stage
”

President AKINCI



Duration: 4 hours

At the meeting which focused on issues of substance for the first time, leaders worked on a document identifying the position of both parties on all chapters.

The leaders agreed to intensify the talks for reaching a mutually acceptable agreement.

The leaders also identified the issues to be discussed at their next meeting and instructed their Negotiators to work on these issues.



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6th MEETING

“
The cost of resolution on the island will be high but the cost of the continuation of the division much higher than the cost of the settlement.”

President AKINCI



Duration: 5 and half hours

Intensive negotiations took place on the chapters of “Governance and Power Sharing”, “Property” and “Criteria on Territory”

President Akinci stressed that while the cost of a settlement would be high, the cost of the continuation of non-solution would be higher than the financial cost of a settlement.



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7th MEETING

“
If we continue with this determination and will, we can reach a settlement within months rather than years”

President AKINCI



Duration: 3 hours

The two leaders exchanged views mainly on property, criteria on territory, and agreed to meet on 1st September and 14th September. The leaders decided that Negotiators, negotiating teams and technical committees continue their work in August.

In a public statement, it was announced that on 28th July, President Akinci and Greek Cypriot leader Anastasiadis would attend the bi-communal concert at the Othello Tower with their spouses.



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The Confidence Building Measures

to improve the everyday life parallel
to the ongoing comprehensive
settlement talks.

LIFTING OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT



The visa slip requirement at crossing points was lifted after President Akıncı assumed Office. With the new regulation, presenting one's ID to the officer in charge will be enough for crossing.

STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS REGARDING THE MINES.

During the leaders' meeting on 15 May, the Greek Cypriot leader Anastasiades submitted to President Akıncı a document including information on 28 mine fields. The shortcomings of the document were addressed through the liaison established with the UN and the Greek Cypriot side.

President Akıncı, at his meeting with the UNSG Ban Ki-Moon at New York, requested the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) to contribute to the process. Following the positive reply of the UNSG, UNMAS experts carried out work accompanied by Security Forces Command.

25 out of 28 mine fields carry no element of risk.

Following the completion of works, it was established that 25 of the 28 mines posed no risks and for the remaining mine fields which carried a risk, necessary measures were taken at 3 locations.

TWO NEW TECHNICAL COMMITTEES: THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND ARTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON GENDER EQUALITY:



While the technical committees were supported to work actively following the election of Mr. Akıncı to the Presidency, two new committees, "Culture and Arts" and "Gender Equality", were established at the first two meeting of the leaders on 15 May 2015 and 28 May 2015.

The First Activity of the Committee on Culture and Arts: "Our Music under Moonlight"

The first activity organized by the Culture-Arts Committee was the bi-communal concert of "Our Music under Moonlight" held at historical Othello Tower in Famagusta. President Mustafa Akıncı and the Greek Cypriot leader attended the concert with their spouses.



WORKS REGARDING THE INTERCONNECTION OF THE ELECTRICITY GRIDS.



Technically, the electricity grids of the two sides are connected and tested. The two sides will be able to supply electricity to each other in case of need. Technical work to complete the full interconnectivity of the two grids is ongoing.

INTENSIVE WORKS UNDERWAY FOR THE OPENING OF LEFKE APLIÇ AND DERINYA CROSSING POINTS

Within the framework of willingness and determination demonstrated by the two leaders at the negotiations to open Lefke Apliç and Derinya crossing points, in line with the demand of wide sections of society from both sides, the relevant committees are conducting comprehensive studies.

INTEROPERABILITY OF THE MOBILE PHONES



The works regarding the interoperability of the mobile phones reached the stage of completion. This project which will contribute the most to the improvement of daily life is expected to be realized in near future.

CONCRETE PROGRESS ON RADIO FREQUENCIES AND INTERFERENCE

Steps were taken to harmonize the FM channels with the standards and to address the problem of interference.



AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE LONG STANDING HALLOUMI ISSUE

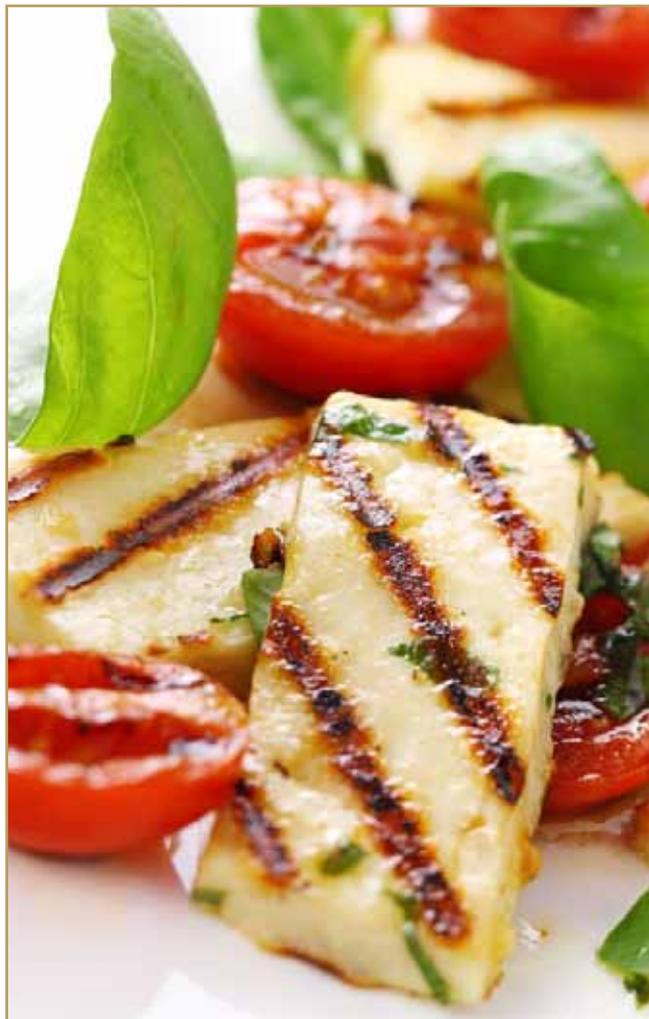
The Common Product of the Two Communities will Be Registered As Both “Hellim” and “Halloumi”

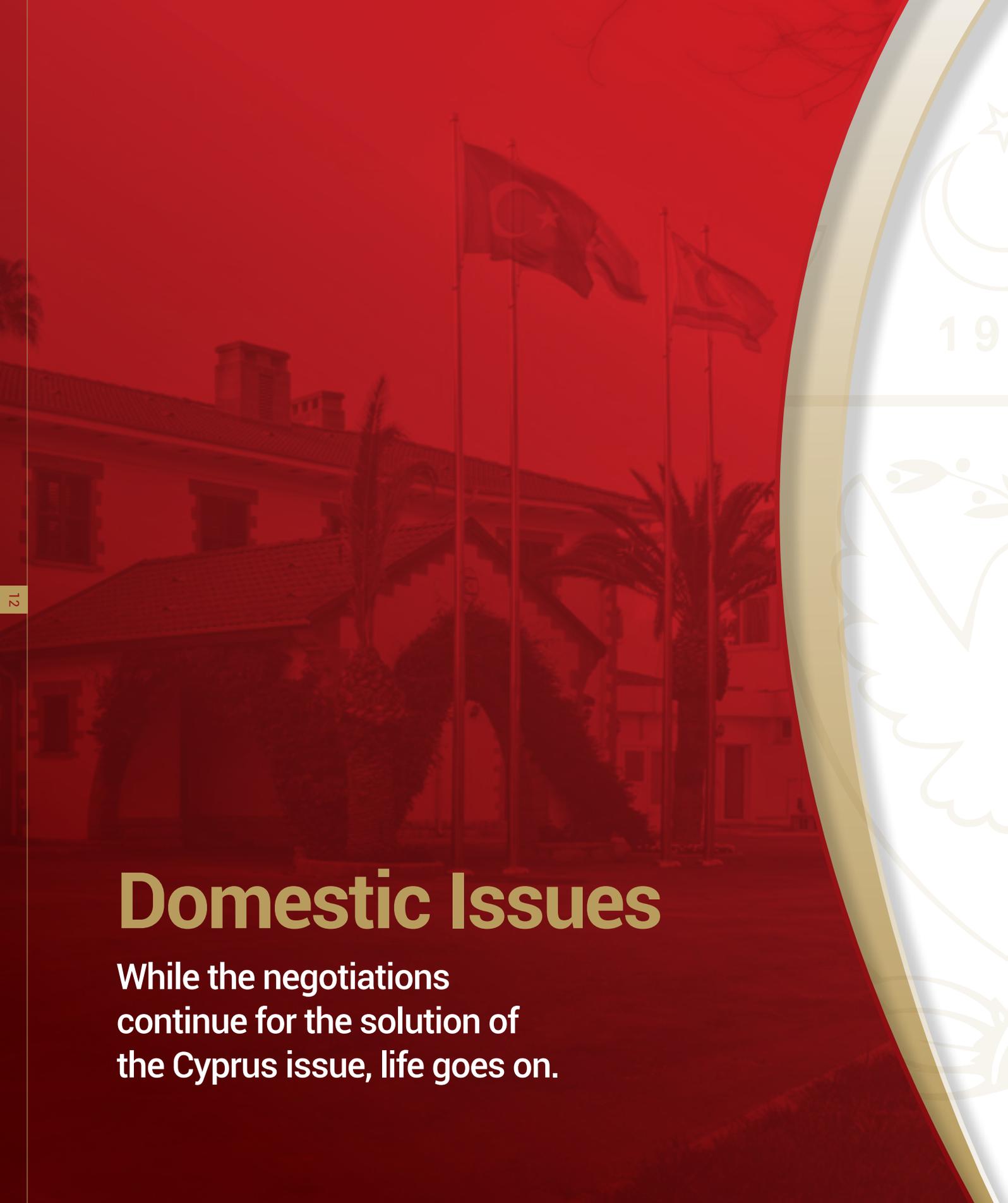
A compromise formula was found regarding the registration of the hellim. The process for the registration of hellim as a geographically protected product has already started. Within this context, the common product will be registered with the name of not only “halloumi” but hellim as well.

International control body Bureau Veritas will be tasked with inspecting the production of hellim in North Cyprus by the Turkish Cypriot producers. It will also submit its reports to the EU. Hence, hellim as a product produced by the Turkish Cypriots will reach the global cheese markets with the name “hellim”. Hence, the Turkish Cypriot producers now are able to overcome a serious challenge and the continuity of their product in the international markets under the name of “Hellim” is guaranteed.

The Works of Technical Committees contributing positively to the negotiations:

Parallel to the negotiation process, technical bi-communal committees in various areas have intensified their works.





Domestic Issues

While the negotiations continue for the solution of the Cyprus issue, life goes on.



President Akıncı appointed Ombudsperson which has been vacant since November 2012

President Mustafa Akıncı decided to appoint Supreme Court Justice Emine Dizdarlı, for the position of Ombudsperson which has been vacant since 12 November 2012.

The said appointment whose responsibility includes listening to the complaints of the public, is subject to the approval of the TRNC National Assembly.

It is expected that the TRNC National Assembly will finalise the appointment following the summer holiday.



President Akıncı voiced his concern regarding the disagreement in the administration of YÖDAK (The Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council)

On behalf of President Mustafa Akıncı, Presidential Spokesman Barış Burcu announced the President's concern regarding the disagreement in the administration of YÖDAK, an issue that has been occupying the public agenda.

The Higher Education Law is compromised of regulations that prevent YÖDAK members from being removed from Office as a result of political considerations and before the end of their term in office. It envisages the same conditions of discharge as the Supreme Court Justices.

President Akıncı is following the latest developments related to YÖDAK attentively through the relevant departments of the Office of the President.

Currently, there is no member of YÖDAK appointed during the period of President Akıncı.



A draft legislation regarding the Public Service Commission for a more objective and pluralist structure was presented by President Akıncı



During his visit to the Council of Ministers on 5 August 2015, President Akıncı presented a draft law to the Prime Minister Ömer Kalyoncu in an effort to establish a more independent, objective and pluralist structure in the Public Services Commission.

The draft law concerning public administration includes sharing the Commission members' appointment authorisation with all relevant stakeholders instead of keeping it under the sole authority of the President, which is the case at present.

President Akıncı stated that this law will also help to solve the problem of bureaucrats who are removed from office for political reasons but who continue getting high salaries without performing any duties.





During the ongoing negotiation process, it is for the first time that the Leaders crossed the UN controlled border and walked together in the streets of Nicosia



President Mustafa Akıncı and Greek Cypriot Leader Nicos Anastasiades brought in something new during the ongoing negotiation process and walked together through the streets of northern and southern side of Cyprus. The leaders who had coffee in both sides, were welcomed by applause and peace songs from the public.

Mr. Akıncı and Mr. Anastasiades spoke with the shopkeepers and visited Büyük Han in the northern side of Nicosia. They then passed together through the checkpoint, walking towards the southern side. A great interest was also shown to both leaders who sat at a cafe near the Church of Faneromeni.

During the visit, the leaders were accompanied by their negotiators and spokesmen as well as the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot Mayors of Nicosia.



For
the First Time



President Akıncı and Anastasiades watched together a theatre performance "Saddened in Greek, Wounded in Turkish"

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President Akıncı and Greek Cypriot Leader Anastasiades watched together a theatre performance by the Nicosia Turkish Municipal Theatre titled "Saddened in Greek, Wounded in Turkish" accompanied by their spouses at the Rialto Theatre in Limassol. The play was written by poet Faize Özdemirciler and performed by Yaşar Ersoy.

A bus service was provided for the Turkish Cypriot audience from the Ledra Palace checkpoint.



A bi-communal concert at the Othello Tower in Famagusta titled "Our Music under the Moonlight"

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The leaders started to come together for the social events and within that framework they attended a bi-communal concert at Othello Tower in Famagusta titled "Our Music under the moonlight" on Tuesday, the 28th of July.

During the event, Co-chairs of the Technical Committee for Culture and Arts Zehra Şonya and Androulla Vassiliou said that peace is the rationalist approach instead of war.

A bus service was provided for the audience in the southern side.



Mr. Akıncı becomes the first President who makes a public disclosure about his current assets.

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The President had declared his assets in detail during his election campaign and although it is not a legal obligation, he declared his assets to the public as a matter of transparency on 9 June 2015 as well as to the TRNC National Assembly.



Official Visits Abroad

at the Highest Level





ANKARA



Upon an invitation from the President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President Mustafa Akıncı paid his first official overseas visit to Ankara on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

President Akıncı and his accompanying delegation were received by President Erdoğan with the highest level protocol treatment.

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan extended his full support to President Mustafa Akıncı in the negotiations.



NEW YORK



President Akıncı who went to New York on UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon's invitation, held a meeting with the UN Secretary General on 4 June 2015. In the meeting, the ongoing negotiation process was discussed.

President Akıncı who shared his views on the meeting with the press, said that the reflections of positive developments taking place in Cyprus were observed in the meeting with the UNSG. President Akıncı also added that he hopes the positive atmosphere will help to enable the young generations of Cyprus to have a happier future.



BRUSSELS



In order to inform European counterparts about the latest developments in the Cyprus problem, President Akinci travelled to the EU Capital where he was received at the highest level. President Akinci had the opportunity to brief all the heads of the top three EU institutions: President Jean-Claude Juncker of the European Commission, President Martin Schulz of the European Parliament and President Donald Tusk of the European Council. All three top EU officials commended President Akinci for his sincerity and determination to solve the Cyprus problem, expressing their support to the process.

During his visit to Brussels, President Akinci also met with other personalities such as:

- *President of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Gianni Pittella*
- *President of the European Peoples' Party, Manfred Weber*
- *President of the Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), Gabriele Zimmer*
- *President of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, Guy Verhofstadt*
- *President of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group, Syed Kamall*
- *Co-President of the Greens, Rebecca Harms*
- *President of the Economic and Social Committee, Henri Malosse*



Meetings with the Ambassadors



- USA
- Sweden
- Germany
- Italy
- Australia
- Luxembourg
- Austria
- Norway
- Finland
- Poland
- France
- Portugal
- Holland
- Russia
- England
- Slovakia
- Israel
- Turkey

Official Guests



30 April 2015

Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister
Bülent Arınç



26 May 2015

Turkey's Foreign Minister
Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu



3 July 2015

France's Minister of State for
European Affairs Harlem Désir



9 July 2015

Head of Europe and Central
Asia Unit of the World Bank
Dirk Reinermann



16 July 2015

Head of the European Commission
Jean-Claude Juncker



17 July 2015

UK Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs
Philip Hammond



19 July 2015

Speaker of the Grand National
Assembly of Turkey, İsmet Yılmaz



20 Temmuz 2015

President of Turkey,
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan



24 July 2015

High Representative of the European
Union for Foreign Affairs and Security
Policy, Federica Mogherini



National and International Media Institutions

During the first 100 days in office, President Akıncı gave interviews to The Guardian, The Economist, Al Jazeera English, Associated Press, Agence France Press (AFP) and Reuters, besides Turkish Cypriot and Turkish media organisations.





Panels and Workshops

• 14 May 2015

"The First Environment Workshop" organised by the Ministry of Environment and-Natural-Resources.

• 26 May 2015

"TRNC Higher Education Workshop" organised in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education and YÖDAK.

• 8 July 2015

"Our vision for a post-settlement economy of Cyprus" event co-organised by the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce.

• 31 July 2015

"Solution in Cyprus and Economy" panel organised by TÜRKONFED.



Briefing for the Political Parties

• 20 May 2015 ve 7 Aug 2015

Briefing for the political party leaders and representatives represented in the TRNC National Assembly.



International Think Tanks

• 4 June 2015

Working breakfast organized by the International Peace Institute in New York.

• 2 July 2015

Working lunch with senior EU officials organised by the German Marshall Fund.



100 Days in Figures

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Trips Abroad

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New York (USA)
Brussels (Belgium)
Ankara (Turkey)

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Leaders Summit

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11 May 2015
15 May 2015
28 May 2015
17 June 2015
29 June 2015
10 July 2015
27 July 2015

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Working meeting with international think tank groups

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German Marshall Fund
.....
International Peace
Institute

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Attending cultural events with Nikos Anastasiades, one in Limassol and the other one in Famagusta

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8 June 2015
28 July 2015

19



18

Official meetings held with foreign ambassadors



57

Meetings with NGO officials based both in and out of the island



7

Interviews with the world's leading media organisations

The Guardian
Al-Jazeera English
Associated Press
Agence France Press
Reuters
The Economist
Financial Times



20

**5 Exhibitions
12 Fair Openings
3 Prize-awarding ceremonies**

Meeting with citizens, artists and sportsmen at cultural, artistic, social and sportive events.



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Speeches delivered at Panels and Workshops

'Our Vision in Relation to Cyprus Economy after Solution'

'Solution and Economy on Cyprus Workshop'

TRNC Higher Education Workshop

1st Environmental Workshop



2

Briefing meetings with the Heads and Representatives of political parties represented in the Parliament

* President Akıncı has also met with two political parties who are not represented in the Parliament



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Presiding the meeting of the Council of Ministers

President Akıncı, has proposed a bill for an independent, objective and democratic Public Service Commission



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Working breakfast with media representatives



“

A new opportunity has emerged for creating a bi-zonal, bi-communal and a fair settlement. As the President, achieving this aim and making the Turkish Cypriot community a part of international law is my responsibility.

”

M. Akinci
Mustafa AKINCI
President





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