Joint Statement on the first anniversary of the talks between the Turkish Cypriot leader Mr. Mustafa Akıncı and the Greek Cypriot leader Mr. Nicos Anastasiades

Today marks the first anniversary of our talks as the two Leaders as well as our commitment to work tirelessly to reach a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question on the basis of the Joint Statement of February 2014.

This has been a year of intensive negotiations and we, as the two Leaders, would like to express our satisfaction with the essential progress that has been achieved to date. Although there are still difficulties and differences, we are determined to show the necessary will and courage to overcome the remaining outstanding issues.

During the past year, while taking into account the concerns of our own community, we have also done our utmost to show respect to the rights of the other. Our common goal is a win-win solution that will take into account concerns and rights of all in a future united Cyprus.

We would like to recall our joint belief that a just and lasting settlement will not only bring peace and prosperity to Cyprus but will also set a good example and contribute to stability and cooperation in the region.

We also would like to underline our commitment to intensify our efforts in the coming months with the aim of reaching a comprehensive settlement agreement within 2016.