



Mediterranean No Nuclear Neighbourhood

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His Excellency Demetris Christofias
President of the Republic of Cyprus

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the international network "Mediterranean No Nuclear Neighborhood" (in short MN3 Network) we wish to congratulate you for your election to the highest position in the Republic of Cyprus and to wish you success with your task.

The MN3 Network was founded in Rhodes Island in September 2007 by 20 organisations from 8 countries of the Mediterranean, the Black Sea and the Balkans. Two international meetings had preceded this event, in May 2005 in order to obstruct the construction of new nuclear power plants and in May 2006 under the title "we have the right to live in a nuclear free world", with the participation of scientists and representatives of organisations from 8 countries from Europe and the USA.

The MN3 Network's main objective is to establish the Mediterranean and the Middle East as a peace zone, without nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction. This objective does not concern only nuclear weapons but also the so called "peaceful" use of nuclear energy".

In the last years there is an increased interest in the promotion of nuclear energy. The powers that be in the world, taking advantage of the time lapse from the disaster in Chernobyl and renewed concern about climate change and high oil prices, are planning a comeback for nuclear energy, creating a dangerous environment and political dependence. Recently many governments in the region have declared the construction or the intent to construct, nuclear power plants: Bulgaria, Rumania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Egypt, Jordan and others. Turkey has already declared a bid for the construction of its first nuclear power plant in Akkuyu, on the coast right across Cyprus, an intention that had initially created great opposition in the 1990's, leading to the initial abandonment of any such plan in the year 2000. .

And of course we do bear in mind the nuclear program of Iran, for which the USA and their allies, with apparent hypocrisy, are trying to convince us that it is the only dangerous such program, but also Israel, the only country in the area



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which has not signed the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and does not allow the entrance of international inspectors on its lands.

These plans, if no immediate initiatives are undertaken, will create a tight situation and consist of a major threat for the Environment, Life and Peace in the entire planet.

The MN3 Network, taking into consideration the unsolved problems of nuclear waste disposal, the limited technological experience and financial resources and the real risk of a nuclear accident, acknowledges that the intention of several countries to install nuclear power plants in this highly flammable area is suicidal. The risk of such intentions is even more enhanced due to the very thin line that crosses the peaceful use and the military utilisation of nuclear power, as well as the danger of a blind terrorist attack, especially under current circumstances, which from a geopolitical point of view are characterised by fragility and uncertainty.

Nuclear energy is neither cheap nor safe or friendly for the environment. It is not a solution. It is yet another problem. The only guaranteed solution is the undertaking of measure to save energy consumption and the development of renewable sources of energy, which our blessed region has in abundance.

Your Excellency,

We strongly doubt the right of any country to decide to construct nuclear power plants. It cannot be the right of any country to jeopardise the future and to decide on the health and life of the citizens of another country.

We believe that the governments of countries that decide to construct nuclear power plants undertake a huge risk and responsibility. But responsibilities are undertaken also by those who could alter such decisions and choose to do nothing. That is why we intently ask for political initiatives at an international level and in the concept of good neighbouring relations.

Your Excellency,

We call upon you with the event of your resuming your new high responsibilities and look forward to the undertaking of initiatives that will keep nuclear threat at bay and will bring a vision of a Mediterranean and Middle East nuclear free closer. Political initiatives which will give hope for sustainable development, without the threat of war, without fear of ecological disasters and human holocausts.



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The MN3 Network once more wishes you success in your responsibilities and is at your disposal for any further information and cooperation in the issues we have displayed.

Sincerely yours,

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