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We wish all our members, friends and supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and may all our hopes and aspirations be realised.

IDENTIFICATIONS: The following identifications were announced: Georgiou Georgiou from **Pera Horio**, Elenis, Themistoullas, Maros and Soulas Themistokleous, Andrea & Angelikis Kyriacou from **Trahoni Kythreas**, Kyriacou Haralambous from **Xylofagou**, Andrea Mishi, Demetri Panayiotou, Michalaki Koumi from **Ammohostos**, Nikou Kermenti from **Ormidhia**, Andrea Tsangari from **Filia**, Nikou Kamilari, Panayioti Karaoli from **Lythrodondas**, Savva Malekidi from **Ag. Ioannis Agrou**, Lefkou Pillatzi from **K. Sodia**, Petrou Petrou from **Mitsero**, Georgiou Economide from **Voni**, Neophytou Demosthenous from **Lemesos**, Fivou Pavlidi from **Evrýhou**, Lambrou Vardaki from **Dasaki Achnas**, Demetriou Christodoulou from **Kythrea**, Michael Panayidi from **Prodromos**, Adoni Christoforou from **Dasaki Achnas**, Chrysostomou Nicolaou from **K. Kebir**, Antoniou Nicolaou from **Lefkosia**, Georgiou Panteli from **Derynia**.

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS. STRASBOURG:

The CoM meeting at Strasbourg in September has again demanded that Turkey abides by the CoM and ECHR decisions and to pay the compensation awarded to the relatives of the missing.

MEETING WITH THE CYPRUS CONSUL GENERAL:

A delegation from our Organisation had on 27th October a meeting with the new Consul General of the Republic in the United Kingdom Mr. John Koukoularidis. We welcome the Consul General in London and wished him every success in his new and difficult post. We discussed extensively the problem of the missing persons, the action of our Organization in the UK (contacts with government, MPs, MEPs, and others) but also more generally in Europe (Council of Europe and European Union). We exchanged ideas how this can be extended. We stressed the need for greater and better cooperation between all interested parties in efforts to ascertain the fate of all the missing persons in a joint action plan /campaign to allow us to achieve more. The Consul General promised all possible support to the efforts of our Organization. The delegation consisted of N. Neocleous, C. Paul K. Paschalis, J. Kouvaros and S. Hatziloizou .

NEW YEAR'S CAKE CUTTING: This will take place, as every year, at St Barnabas church hall, after the liturgy at St Mary's church nearby, on Sunday 10th January 2016. Prayers will be said, at St Mary's, for those still missing and a memorial service for those identified and buried. The Cyprus Consul General Mr Ioannis Koukoularides will also attend and give a short speech. All members, friends and supporters are welcome. Members who wish to donate cakes and/or crudities must inform the office by the 5th Jan the latest.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION: In its last report (November 2015) on Turkey's progress the European Commission, amongst other things, calls on Turkey to open its archives to the Committee of Missing Persons (CMP) in Cyprus so that the excavation of possible mass graves is made easier and also allow access to all so called military zones.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO CYPRUS:

On November 11 a large delegation of the Conservative Friends of Cyprus visited the island, led by MP David Burrowes accompanied by MPs Matthew Offord, Byron Davies, Martin Vickers, Chris Pincher, David Amess and Mrs Sheryll Murray. They met with Cypriot MPs and an appeal was made to the British MPs to apply pressure on Turkey to cooperate and make available to the CMP all the information it has so that the burning humanitarian issue of the missing be resolved as soon as possible. The delegation was also updated as to the Turkish efforts to conceal the crimes committed in Cyprus during and after the 1974 invasion, by the displacement of remains from one mass grave to another, aiming at the disappearance of data for the existence of mass graves and therefore absolve Turkey for these war crimes. Mr. Burrowes thanked on behalf of the delegation for the thorough briefing and expressed the support of the delegation in the efforts to solve the Cyprus problem and its intention to provide whatever support it can on the issues discussed.