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IDENTIFICATIONS: The following identifications were announced: Chrystallous K. Savva from Trahoni Kythreas, Andrea S. Kontou from N. Chorio Kythreas, Panayioti Hadjikalli from Ay. Epiktitos, Costaki Yerolemou from Lemesos, Nikou Kosma from Ormidhia, Soteriou Georgiou from Kalopsida, Nikou Pericleous from Dali, Antoni Loulloudi from Lemesos, Demetri Savvide from Ammohostos, Constantinou Parpa from Strovolos, Mariou Hadjisavva from Aglantzia, Themistocli Theodosiou from Trahoni Kythreas, Savva Chrysanthou from Lemesos, Christou Pavlou from Liopetri, Pari Christofi, Haralambou Vasiliou, Mariou Panayide all from Lemesos, Andrea Hadjiloizou from Ammohostos, Andrea Kouroufexi from Palehori, Themistocli Drakou from Kambos, Mariou Kalari from Pallouriotissa, Nicola Kyriacou from Strovolos, Herododou Savva from Tsada, Aristide Panayiotou from Amargeti, Christodoulou Tyllirou from Kaimakli, Steliou Christoforou from Lefkosia, Georgiou Georgiou from Kathikas, Costa Valanide from Agridia, Evangelou Epaminonda from Lefkosia, Costi & Haralambou Atta, Xeni Rousou, Panayi Spyrou, Ioanni & Antoniou Yeropapa all from Lysi.

GENERAL MEETING: On 13th April the General Meeting of our Organization was held at the Cypriot Community Centre. In his speech the outgoing Chairman Neoklis Neokleous said that this year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of our Organisation. He stressed that there is reason to celebrate the occasion, for the obvious reason that OSKAR (UK) still exists because its objectives have not been met yet. The campaign to solve the problem of our Missing is still necessary in a so important international centre as the United Kingdom.

For thirty years we have encountered many obstacles in our efforts, together with supporters of our just cause, to persuade the British Government to act towards the solution of our problem. Some officials seem to believe that pressure on Turkey, even for such a fundamental human rights issue, could somehow harm the Turkish-British relations. Lately with the help of supporters in the British Parliament (T. Villiers, D Burrowes, M. Freer, A. Meale, J. Sheridan, A. Love, N. De Bois and others), we have noticed a more positive approach by the Ministry of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. This was evident in the support they gave to the powerful decision at the Council of Europe of the Council of Ministers, demanding from Turkey to carry out investigations on its own on the fate of our Missing and to help the CMP in its own work.

In the near future, we hope to see pressure exerted on Turkey to implement the decision of the Council of Ministers, the results of public inquiry that would be carried out by the APPG for Cyprus, the report to the Council in Europe for all the Missing across Europe, by Jim Sheridan and more activity in the European Parliament after the success of the written declaration of MEP Marina Yiannakoudaki. The President thanked all the outgoing Commission for their hard work and all the other members who supported the efforts of our Organization.

The outgoing General Secretary Minas Mina mentioned that the issue of missing persons is the oldest problem that has not been resolved by the European Court of Human Rights because Turkey refuses to cooperate. "Turkey may have allowed exhumations in a mass grave in a so-called military zone but still has not complied with the decisions of the European Court. Turkey is obliged to do much more and allow exhumations and to all other so-called military zones. Last spring, Dr. A. Aristotelous replaced Mr E. Georgiades and shortly after Mr. Paul-Henry Arni replaced Mr Girod on the CMP. We live in difficult times", he said, "unfortunately, the issue of human rights is of secondary value, but we must continue our struggle with faith and devotion until the last of our Missing has been found".

The outgoing Treasurer Kyriakos Paschalis, presented the financial report of the Organization and the budget for next year which were all approved.

Our General meeting took place on Saturday 13th April 2013 at the Cypriot Community Centre from 18.30 hours. Reports were given by the outgoing President, G. Secretary and Treasurer. The new committee was then elected and immediately afterwards the posts were allocated as follows:-

President - Neoklis Neokleous,	V. President - Tony Theodorou,
G. Secretary - Minas Mina,	Asst G. Secretary - Avraam Christou,
Treasurer - Kyriacos Paschalis,	Public Relations - Ioannis Kouvaros,
E. Secretary - Costas Paul.	

Members: Costas & Georgia Antoniou, Anastasia Chrysanthou, Theoris Theodoulou, Niki Loizou,

Campaign and Fund Raising Committee: Xenia Chambou, Maria Kashis, Niki Ioakim, Lella Markou-Theodorou, Gokay Ucar and Niki Hadjoulis.

Research: Avgi & Kentas Yiannaki

WINE FESTIVAL 29 – 30 June:

As usual, like every year we will be at the Wine Festival with our own stand, distributing information and reminding everybody that the issue of our Missing is still unresolved. Any volunteers to man our stand are most welcome. Please call the office for details.

PICKETING AND RALLY 9th and 14th JULY : Picketing outside the House of Commons and afterwards meeting with the MPs will take place on Tuesday 9th July from 5.00pm. The coach will leave the Cypriot Community Centre in Wood Green at 4.00pm. Be there!!

The rally will set off from Belgrave Sq., SW1, at 3.00pm on Sunday 14th July and we will be there with our banner and photos as usual. All members and friends are urged to attend.