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IDENTIFICATIONS: In November 09 three more identifications took place. They were those of Greek Cypriots Fivos Christofi from Aglanzia, Costas Kapsokartis from Tseri and Michalakis Anastasiou from Famagusta. All three were found in a mass grave in Lapithos. They do not appear to have any close relatives in the UK.

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT REPLIES TO MEPs: European Commission President, Mr Barosso has replied to MEPs Dr Eleni Theocharous and Mrs Marina Yannakoudakis letters regarding the issue of the Missing and Turkey's non-compliance with the ECHR judgement. He states that Turkey is obliged and must comply with the ECHR judgement.

GENERAL MEETING:

As previously announced our General meeting will take place on **Sunday 14th March 2010 at the Cypriot Community Centre, Earlham Grove, London N22, from 16.00.** All members are urged to attend so that all together we can decide what future actions are to be taken by ORMC (UK).

The new committee will also be elected and any members who wish to put their names forward for election must inform the office by 7th March 2010.

Nomination form is enclosed and for those members who receive our News Bulletin by e-mail, a nomination form will be attached as well.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

A reception will follow with soft drinks and snacks.

MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE: On Tuesday 19th January 2010, a five-member delegation of ORMC (UK) Committee met at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), with the leaders of the Cyprus-Greece and Turkey desks.

At the meeting it was put, once again, the refusal of Turkey to abide by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) judgement in relation to Greek Cypriot Missing and their Relatives, as well as the unwillingness and inability of the international community to persuade or force Turkey to abide.

Unfortunately, as in previous meetings the reply of the FCO was the same. *"We do all we can to persuade Turkey to abide. We can do no more"*. Our representatives strongly expressed their disagreement to that contention.

It was pointed out that the Organisation is not at all happy with the stance taken by the UK Government (UKG) and insisted that they can do a lot more towards Turkey on this issue. The ORMC (UK) members pointed out that the UKG not only has the obligation but also is in a strong position to exert pressure on Turkey. The F&CO officials responded by suggesting that: since whenever they raise the Greek Cypriot Missing issue, Turkish officials raise the issue of Turkish Cypriot Missing and that restrict them from putting additional pressure, as they do not want to be accused of bias.

Our representatives demanded that the UK Government stop the pretence of impartiality and "sitting on the fence", that greatly favours Turkey. And, if it really wants a solution to both issues of the Missing, it would be better to study each case separately, identify the barriers to the solution for each case and act accordingly, for the restoration of human rights for all the Missing and their Relatives. Sitting on the fence only benefits the perpetrators of this hideous crime.

CUTTING OF THE NEW YEAR'S CAKE:

This took place on Sunday 17th Jan 2010 at St Barnabas Church Hall, after the service at St. Mary's church. Bishop Athanasios, after prayers, cut and distributed the cake to all present. Short speeches followed by ORMC (UK) President N. Neokleous and the Consul General Mr E. Savva. Support was also expressed by DY.SY (UK) President Mr A. Papaevripides, Mrs L. Pattichi of the Ladies Section of DY.SY (UK) who donated a cheque for £500, on behalf of the Ladies Group and from Mr M. Kashis of EDEK (UK) who also offered £500.

The ORMC President thanked them all and all those present and promised that the donated money will be used wisely and will help our campaign.



Front row: L-R: N. Neokleous, Consul General E. Savva, Bishop Athanasios, M. Kashis. Back row: L-R: A. Christou, M. Mina, A. Papaevripides, T. Theodorou and J. Kouvaros.



Mrs L. Pattichis donating the £500 on behalf of the DY.SY. Ladies group.

Many thanks also to all the ladies who brought along cakes and Mrs L. Markou-Theodorou for donating the drinks and pastries.