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Policy Paper

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Summary (120 – 150 words):

The Cyprus problem is recognized as an international problem of invasion, occupation, settlement, foreign intervention and a blatant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. It was and remains to be the result of imperialist intrigues. It is a violation of the human rights and civil liberties of the entire Cypriot people.

The Cyprus problem, in addition to the international aspect, has its internal aspect which consists in the deterioration of the relations between the two communities, the damage caused to the communities by nationalism-chauvinism and the fact that for more than 46 years the two communities have been living separately.

Our people's struggle for liberation and reunification is taking place in an environment of competition of the imperialists in the wider region, for geopolitical and economic control and for securing access to energy resources, with the result that the interests of the peoples are affected.

The rapprochement is first and foremost a matter for the Cypriots and the organized groups that express them. The rapprochement, although a necessary condition for the solution, alone cannot solve the Cyprus problem, but it can contribute to the viability of the solution that will be agreed.

- CYC should intensify its efforts to contact progressive T / C youth organizations.
- CYC should aim to carry out further actions to inform the youth on the key policy issues surrounding the Cyprus problem, which will lead to the overthrow of prejudices and misconceptions. Actions can be jointly developed with the Turkish Cypriot youth around the framework for the solution of the Cyprus

problem, as defined in the 1977-79 high-level agreements and reaffirmed through the jointly announced Christofias-Talat of 23 May and 1 July 2008, which provides for a solution of a Bi-zonal Bicomunal Federation with political equality, as defined in the United Nations resolutions. Solution of a state with a single sovereignty, an international personality and a citizenship.

- Development of joint cultural action with T / C youth organizations that aim at mutual understanding, preservation and promotion of our common culture and our cultural identity.
- Carrying out joint activities, workshops for the empowerment of young workers from both communities, where at the same time the young people of both communities will be able to get acquainted with the situation prevailing in labor issues in the Republic of Cyprus and in the occupied parts.
- Conducting seminars in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and other progressive youth organizations, aiming to get to know our common culture and ultimately break down prejudices, especially by young people living in remote areas.