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INFORMATION NOTE OF TÜRKİYE

Türkiye objects the statement of the Greek Cypriot Administration in the Preliminary Doc. No 7 as an answer to the **question 17**, which is on page 162.

It is stated that *“When children are removed / retained at the areas not under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus (occupied by Turkey since 1974), the CA of Cyprus cannot apply the Convention and forward any incoming request.”*

In this regard, we would like to reiterate the declaration made by Türkiye to the Hague Conventions. (Convention of 19 October 1996 on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children, Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance)

Türkiye does not recognize the Greek Cypriot Administration’s pretention to represent the defunct “Republic of Cyprus”.

“The Republic of Cyprus” was founded as a Partnership State in 1960 by Greek and Turkish Cypriots in accordance with international treaties. This partnership was destroyed by the Greek Cypriot side when it unlawfully seized the state by forcibly ejecting all Turkish Cypriot members in all the state organs in 1963. Eventually, Turkish Cypriots who were excluded from the Partnership State in 1963 have organized themselves under their territorial boundaries and exercise governmental authority, jurisdiction and sovereignty.

There is no single authority which in law or in fact is competent to represent jointly the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots and consequently Cyprus as a whole. Thus, the Greek Cypriots cannot claim authority, jurisdiction or sovereignty over the Turkish Cypriots who have equal status or over the entire Island of Cyprus.