

2001 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44

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1 **Relating to:** supporting an initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the
2 situation in Cyprus.

3 Whereas, this year marks the 27th anniversary of the military invasion and
4 occupation of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey; and

5 Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign
6 forces since 1974 in violation of international law and United Nations Resolutions;
7 and

8 Whereas, the international community and the United States government
9 have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the
10 territory of Cyprus; and

11 Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation
12 in Cyprus, including the demilitarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a
13 multinational force to ensure the security of both communities in Cyprus; and

14 Whereas, a peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would
15 greatly benefit the security, and the political, economic, and social well-being of all

1 Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey;
2 and

3 Whereas, United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1250 and 1251, adopted
4 on June 26 and 29, 1999, provide parameters for a solution and are supported by the
5 United States; and

6 Whereas, Resolution 1250 reaffirms all of its earlier resolutions on Cyprus,
7 particularly Resolution 1218 (1998) of December 22, 1998; and

8 Whereas, Resolution 1251 reaffirms that the status quo is unacceptable and
9 that negotiations on a final political solution to the Cyprus problem have been at an
10 impasse for too long; and

11 Whereas, Resolution 1251 also reiterates the Security Council's position that
12 a Cyprus settlement must be based on a state of Cyprus with a single sovereignty and
13 international personality and a single citizenship, with its independence and
14 territorial integrity safeguarded, and comprising 2 politically equal communities as
15 described in the relevant Security Council resolutions, in a bicomunal and bizonal
16 federation, and that such a settlement must exclude union in whole or in part with
17 any other country or any form of partition or secession; and

18 Whereas, Cyprus is among the leading candidate countries for accession to the
19 European Union, in recognition of its commitment to free market, human rights,
20 democracy, and the rule of law; and

21 Whereas, membership in the European Union will guarantee each citizen of
22 Cyprus important civil, human, and cultural rights, as well as new economic
23 opportunities; and

