





## Resolution of support by POMAK in support of Katerina Theophanous MP (Australia)

The World Conference of Cyprus Diaspora (POMAK) which convened in Nicosia between 22-25 August 2023, warmly congratulates Ms Katerina (Kat) Theophanous, Member of the Victoria State Parliament in Australia, for the conviction that she demonstrated in the Parliament to publicly and unequivocally condemn the Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus.

Ms Theophanous bravely defended Human rights and values as well as international law, which have been blatantly violated by Turkey for the last 49 years. She demanded the removal of Turkish occupying forces, the right of refugees to return and a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus issue.

Ms Theophanous condemned the Turkish invasion and occupation, which resulted in the division of island. She spoke about her mother's occupied village of Assia, the murder of her Greek Cypriot compatriots from the Turkish invaders and vividly stressed how the occupation has prevented her family from returning to its village. Ms Theophanous in her statement at the Parliament, called for the removal of Turkish troops and a just and viable resolution to the Cyprus issue.

Unfortunately, as a result of her correct and legitimate views and observations, as well as upholding international law, Ms Theophanous has been subject to punitive actions from a faction of her party, leading to her suspension.

POMAK, and especially the diaspora in Australia, expresses its full solidarity and support for Ms Kat Theophanous and condemns the decision of the faction of her party against her, calling for her immediate reinstatement.