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Address by the Ambassador of the State of Qatar Mr Ali Yousef Abdulrahman al Mulla at the inauguration of the new Embassy of Qatar in Nicosia, 13 December, 2021 on the National Day of Qatar

Your Excellency President Nicos Anastasiades, Your Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure on this pleasant and happy occasion to welcome you as we celebrate the National Day of the State of Qatar, an occasion that represents to the Government and People of Qatar a day of unity, loyalty and pride.

Allow me Mr. President to convey to Your Excellency, Government and friendly people of Cyprus a message of greetings and thanks from H.H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar – May God Keep Him Safe – together with the people of Qatar, and to convey the desire of the Qatari leadership in looking forward to further strengthening the friendly and cooperative relations with the friendly Republic of Cyprus, which form a source of strength for both countries as well as a successful investment for the benefit of all of us.

Mr. President, Your Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The State of Qatar and its People live these days a glorious unforgettable memory enhanced by the achievements that have been fulfilled and are being achieved since its independence by a wise and creative leadership characterized by foresight and political wisdom, which enabled our country despite its small size to occupy a prominent place among the rest of the countries of our contemporary world.

On this occasion, I seize the opportunity to express our pride in the friendship relations and respect between our countries, as well as the true desire and will to promote and elevate those relations to the highest level. The opening of the premises of the new Embassy of the State of Qatar, and Your honorable presence, as well as the renaming of the street on which the Embassy is located by (Qatar Street), and the adjacent park by (Doha Park) is a clear translation of the strong level of relations between the State of Qatar and the Republic of Cyprus. I hope

that the new location of the Embassy will be a symbol of the cooperation between our countries.

I also cannot miss on this occasion to express my sincere gratitude to the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus, and the Municipality of Strovolos in Nicosia, who have facilitated and offered all means of assistance to the Embassy in the process of the renaming of "Qatar Street" and "Doha Park".

On this occasion and with all these achievements that hold a special symbolic meaning, we reassure the determination of the leadership of the State of Qatar to promote the relations with the friendly Republic of Cyprus for our mutual benefit.

Mr. President, Your Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me once more to thank you and to express my deep appreciation for your presence and participation with us today at this big occasion.

Thank you.