



Speech at Presentation of Letter of Credence

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To:

H.E. Mr. Nikos Christodoulides,
The Honorable President of the Republic of Cyprus



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H.E. Mr. Nikos Christodoulides,
Honorable President of the Republic of Cyprus

Excellency,

Allow me to present to Your Excellency the letter of Credence by which H.E. Mr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran has appointed me as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Cyprus and the Letters of recall of my predecessor as well.

I have the great honor to convey the cordial greetings and also the invitation of H.E. President Raisi to Your Excellency to pay an official visit to Iran at your convenient time. H.E. President Raisi also stressed the importance of strengthening bilateral relations and reiterated the international and regional peace and prosperity as common goals of our two nations, living in this region. In line with this mandate, and having thoroughly studied different aspects of our relations, a well-defined program is developed as a road map. I am confident that Your Excellency's generous support and the collaboration of the esteemed Government of the Republic of Cyprus will ensure our success in turning a new page in the relation between the two countries.

Honorable President,

The rapid developments in our region have underscored the need for closer cooperation between our two countries. As you are well aware, Cyprus and Iran, due to their geographical proximity, share common historical experiences from ancient times. Our two countries have traditionally enjoyed sound bilateral relations. Based on this highly promising background, the Iranian Government intends to collaborate with the Government of Cyprus to take our mutually beneficial and multifaceted relationship to a new level.



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Excellency,

The foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran is based on mutual respect, common interests and international law. Therefore, my country supports principles of, inter alia, respect of human rights, peaceful settlement of disputes, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nations; while rejecting the use of force, weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), terrorism and extremism in international relations.

Based on this policy, the Islamic Republic of Iran fully supports a solution to the Cyprus Question that complies with all pertinent Security Council resolutions, the UN Charter, International law and reunification of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. We support the Government of Cyprus's new initiatives for the resumption of negotiations, and hope that these efforts will lead towards a common and lasting peaceful settlement of the issue.

Excellency,

Finally, allow me to return to the subject of our bilateral relations. I would like to ensure that, in my capacity as Ambassador of I. R. Iran, I will take all necessary measures to promote the friendship and cooperation between our two countries. I have no doubt that Your Excellency and relevant authorities of the Republic of Cyprus would assist me in completing this crucial task.

Mr. President, I would like to wish good health and success for Your Excellency and happiness, prosperity for the people of Cyprus.

Thank you.