

Ambassador's Gemma Cano SPEECH Nicosia, 6 November 2023

Your Excellency,

Please allow me to present to you the credentials signed by the Co-princes of Andorra and the Minister of Foreign Affairs accrediting me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Principality of Andorra to the Republic of Cyprus.

Since the signature of diplomatic relations in 1995, Andorra and Cyprus have had a long tradition of mutual cooperation and support, mainly in the multilateral scene, particularly at the Council of Europe, where I started my diplomatic career back in 2001.

With the appointment of a non-resident ambassador to Cyprus, Andorra seeks to strengthen also the bilateral relations, mainly in the economic and cultural fields. Moreover, it is a Government of Andorra's priority to strengthen relations with all the member countries of the European Union, particularly in those whose size and specificities make easier to understand the role and challenges of a small state as Andorra. Andorra is currently negotiating an association agreement with the European Union and hopes to reach the best text possible during the Spanish presidency by December 2024. We hope to count on the support of the Cypriot Government in this process.

Your Excellency,

Being the second Andorran Ambassador in Cyprus after more than 10 years, allow me to end my speech by saying that it is an honour for me to represent my country here, and to convey to you, to the Government and to the people of Cyprus the warm wishes of friendship and prosperity that the Co-princes and the Government of Andorra express to Your Excellency.