

**REMARKS BY JU-SEONG LIM,
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TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

Your Excellency,

It is a great honour and privilege for me to present to Your Excellency the Letter of Credence accrediting me as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of Cyprus. Taking this opportunity, I would like to convey to Your Excellency the best wishes from H.E. Suk Yeol YOON, President of the Republic of Korea, for Your Excellency's good health and success, and for the continued progress and prosperity of the Republic of Cyprus.

Even before establishing diplomatic relationship in the year 1995, our two countries were already tied through the pain of the division and the vision for reunification in common. Coupled with the universal values that we proudly share, these bonds have been instrumental to deepen our relationship and promote mutually beneficial cooperation. Our peoples can understand each other in great depth, and this understandings extends to the mutual support of our two countries.

As an Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, I look forward to peaceful resolution of Cyprus Question through dialogues between the parties and wish for the establishment of peace and stability in the region. Likewise, I duly note that the Republic of Cyprus is consistently rendering unwavering support for establishing peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula. In this regard, I humbly request Your Excellency and the Republic of Cyprus to extend your support to 'the August 15 Unification Doctrine' announced by the President Yoon. The Doctrine defines our goal of 'unification based on freedom' in accordance with the constitutional values of the Republic of Korea. The Doctrine proposes action plans for unification and aims to build a democratic

unification process to promote freedom and human rights of all the people on the Korean Peninsula.

Your Excellency,

As a global pivotal state, the Republic of Korea is resolutely committed to the peace and prosperity of the international society. Furthermore, my country is seeking to promote core values including freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, thereby reinforcing the rules-based international order in solidarity with countries that share these values. In this regard, I am truly pleased to note that our two countries share those essential values.

As part of the commitment, the Republic of Korea is serving as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council in 2024-25. Using this opportunity, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the support of Cyprus. Cyprus government also helped our government during the process of evacuation for the Korean community living in Lebanon this September and October. On behalf of the Korean government, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Cyprus government and its wonderful staff.

With your gracious goodwill, as well as the support and cooperation of the Government and people of the Republic of Cyprus, I am confident that I can successfully fulfil my mission. In this process I will exert my full efforts for further strengthening the friendship and cooperation between our two countries. Thank you. /End/