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**CHC STATEMENT ON THE SOMBRE 51ST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS**

Montreal, July 20, 2025— Fifty one years since the Turkish invasion, the pain remains undiminished and Cyprus' wound still bleeds...

The Canadian Hellenic Congress (CHC) always remembers and honours the fallen of the Turkish invasion, the missing and the living Cypriots and Greeks, who in 1974 defended Cyprus' freedom from the Turkish invader. We also commemorate the over 30,000 Canadian peacekeepers in Cyprus and pay tribute to the 28 Canadian peacekeepers who have lost their lives. We do not forget the barbarity of the Turkish invasion, the uprooting, the refugees, the ongoing plight of the families of the missing persons, the massive violation of human rights, the desecration of cultural monuments, the violent separation of Greek and Turkish Cypriots, the Turkish colonisation...

Turkey should remove its occupying forces and Cyprus should be united as one country and one constitution that protect everyone's rights, language and culture. Now is the time to move forward and unify Cyprus; otherwise we will have another fifty plus years of Turkish occupation.

The CHC urges the Canadian government to remain steadfast in its principled stance and commitment to justice for Cypriots and the reunification of Cyprus and also urges the international community to do the same.

Fifty-one years later, "***we do not forget!***"! The CHC remains firmly committed to an enduring, comprehensive and just settlement for a free, peaceful and unified Cyprus, in accordance with the wishes of the Cypriot people, and based on the relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions.

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