

12 April 2017

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Mr. Socrates Chasikos
Minister of Interior

Honorable Minister

Subject: Request for reexamination of the naturalization of stateless Kurdish family from Syria; Ibrahim Hasan, Janbali Sabah, Akid Hasan, Farhad Hasan, Roukan Hasan, Akef Hasan.

First and foremost, as the signatory organizations we wish to acknowledge the Ministry of Interior practices over the late years, which rendered possible for a considerable number of refugees to stay long-term in the Republic of Cyprus and to completely integrate into the Cypriot society granted their acquisition of Cypriot citizenship.

We are contacting you with a Kurdish family from Syria in mind, and based on the recent fact of their naturalization applications being rejected on this date: 27/3/2017. We are aiming at opening a discussion between the Ministry of Interior and the Kurdish family, with the hope that in this way we can be of assistance in finding a solution to the issue created in the face of the considerably high chance the family permanently stays in Cyprus due to its stateless status.

Firstly, we would like to focus the attention on the inherent instability of the decision taken on 27/3/2017 for the following reasons:

- a. **Collective decision** – a collective decision was published based on individual applications.
- b. **Insufficient Justification** – the collective decision was based on a general assessment and justification instead of an individual one as dictated by the individual administrative acts.
- γ. **Invalid data/ Unreasonable ground** – there was reference to items which do not apply, and/ or do not apply to the entire family.

Considering all the above, it appears the decision was plausibly taken hurriedly and under pressure. Due to this exact reason, we consider necessary that the decision is reconsidered and reexamined with respect to both legal and humanistic aspects of the matter. Along with this current opportunity we thus request that the naturalization applications of the aforementioned individuals be reexamined.

Finally, we are stating that the members of the Kurdish family have already been addressed in order to be prepared to suspend their protest, granted the Ministry of Interior proceeds with the

reexamination of their applications, thus offering the Ministry a reasonable amount of time for the reexamination.

Yours faithfully,

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- Future Worlds Center
- Caritas Cyprus Society
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