**Important stages of the history of the protesting stateless refugees**

**2006 –** We came to Cyprus and applied for international protection. The applications of some of us are still pending for years and those of others have been examined and rejected, even after the war in Syria began.

**2014 -** We started our protest in front of the Ministry of Interior along with other stateless Kurds. At the time, the Minister of Interior had meetings with the Asylum Service and the Reviewing Authority of Refugees to resolve our issues, but without any results.

**October** **2014** **- August 2015**: Protest outside the Ministry of Interior demanding to grant us the status of recognized refugees.

**2015:** The then Minister and the then Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior urged us to apply for naturalization so that they could grant us our rights in this way. One of us was given immediately the citizenship and the rest of us were promised that our applications would be examined immediately upon the completion of 7 years of legal residence in Cyprus.

**2015-2017:** The rest of us applied for naturalization, as advised by the officer in charge of our cases at the Ministry of Interior.

**27/3/2017:** The then Minister of Interior informed us by letter that he rejected our applications collectively.

**19/04/17:** UNHCR informed us that, at a meeting with their Director, the then Minister acknowledged that the decision to reject our applications for citizenship was incorrect and gave orders to reexamine our applications.

**6/6/2017:** Two of us began a hunger strike.

**31/7/2017:** An underage minor started his protest in front of the Ministry of Interior in support of the protesting refuges, members of his family.

**1/8/20717:** The Kurdish Community in Cyprus decided and organized, together with NGOs and refugee communities, a demonstration from the Presidential Palace to the Ministry of Interior, then to the House of Europe and finally to the House of Representatives, in solidarity with us.

**11/8/2017:** Following the positive response of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, we stopped the hunger strike as a sign of goodwill. The Permanent Secretary promised that our applications for citizenship would be reexamined as soon as possible, in detail, and individually.