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‘OPERATION OF POMAK – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – CO-OPERATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL AND EUROPE

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Following a discussion on the best operation of the Committee, members examined Committee themes in depth by using a SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats), analysis and have identified the following:

STRENGTHS

- **Dynamic Communities in key centres of power, global and regional**
- **Justice on our side – strong human rights case that would resonate with most people with a conscience**
- **Strong relationship with NGOs in the USA which will continue**

WEAKNESSES

- **Lack of POMAK profile**
- **Lack of a general international strategy**
- **Lack of resources and funds**
- **Insufficient co-ordination of activities of key member Federations and with PSEKA**

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Strategy to target selected organisations with influence on Cyprus problem eg.**
 - **European Union Institutions eg European Parliament, European Commission, Council Members**
 - **Council of Europe**
 - **UN and UN Bodies/Agencies (UN Human Rights, Refugees, UNESCO etc)**
 - **Human rights organisations eg Amnesty International**
 - **Religious leaders**
 - **Cultural heritage organisations**
 - **International media including owners**
 - **Non-Governmental Organisations eg International Lawyers Association**
 - **International Academic Institutions/Archaeologists/Byzantine studies**
 - **Think Tanks**
 - **Opinion leaders**
 - **Companies trying to do business with occupied northern Cyprus without proper authorisations from the Republic of Cyprus**
- **Improved co-ordination between member federations**
- **High profile activities eg Brussels conference/Seminars conference**
- **Work more closely with relevant Cyprus Ministries, Church of Cyprus and University of Cyprus**
- **Use of internet which has a global reach**
- **Enhanced international focus on the illegal exploitation of Greek Cypriot properties and the priority of securing the return of Famagusta**

- **More efficient allocation of resources to influence election outcomes in key electoral centres**
- **Facilitate visits to Cyprus by politicians, journalists and other targeted people**
- **Set up Think Tanks**

THREATS

- **Turkish propaganda machine**
- **Hostile international media**
- **Upgraded illegal Turkish Cypriot Administration**
- **Kosovisation of the Cyprus problem**
- **Turkish efforts to influence attitude of Islamic states against the Republic of Cyprus**
- **Increasing lack of awareness about the time causes of the Cyprus problem**

Having made the above analysis the Committee proposes the following strategic plan of operation in order to achieve our objectives:

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

- **To raise the profile of POMAK/PSEKA amongst various target audiences eg governments, decision makers, EU Institutions, international organisations**
- **To achieve an affiliated NGO status with international/intergovernmental bodies to be identified**
- **To create awareness of the core issue of the Cyprus problem ie invasion and occupation, property issues, missing persons, presence of Turkish military and illegal settlers in the occupied part of northern Cyprus, destruction of cultural and religious heritage**

STRATEGY/MANDATE

- **Create a network for communication within POMAK/PSEKA**
- **Appoint a global co-ordinator to work with the Presidents of POMAK/PSEKA, to oversee the strategy and act as spokesperson of the committee; the committee to be supported by a representative from each federation**

- Identify non-governmental organisations, academic institutions either local, regional or international to work with and integrate the committee's efforts within such academic institutions and relevant organisations around each country
- Develop a strategy to target selected international media including regular monitoring of media work on Cypriot issues/Turkish propaganda
- Develop links with EU institutions eg European Commission, EU Member States (Council), European Parliament similar institutions in other countries eg USA (Congress, Senate) UK (House of Commons), Council of Europe, Human Rights Agencies
- Religious Catholic, Protestant institutions – Emphasise destruction of religious and cultural heritage in Cyprus
- Work out the details for the admission of POMAK, PSEKA & NEPOMAK at relevant intergovernmental bodies and their NGO committees, such as:
 - UN ECOSOC
 - UN bodies (UN Human Rights Commission, High Commission for Refugees, UN Youth Unit)
 - UNESCO and other UN agencies
 - Council of Europe
 - European Union and European Parliament
- Utilise Cyprus Government and Church resources more extensively
- Organise at least one annual high profile event in Europe
- Focus on development of internet strategies
- Develop annual action plan with allocated tasks
- The chairman of the committee to report progress to the POMAK/PSEKA board

TARGET AUDIENCES

- Politicians
- Media
- Church leaders or similar
- Academics
- Opinion leaders
- Human rights activists

- **Intergovernmental bodies**
- **Others that will be identified during the process**

PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

- **Establish regular Committee dialogue to develop the initiative**
- **Organize a major conference in Brussels as the first significant step in the promotion of a European/international strategy**
- **Each Federation to provide regular feedback to the Committee Chairman on its contribution to the development and implementation of the plan**

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