

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



Nicosia, 30 June 2017

H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, Brussels.

Your Excellency, dear colleague,

Following the recent decision by the United States Administration to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change, the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus adopted a Resolution on 23 June 2017 expressing its concern, but also its hope that the USA will reconsider.

The said Resolution is attached hereto for your kind perusal.

May I seize this occasion, Your Excellency, to reiterate my highest esteem.

Yours sincerely,

Demetris Syllouris, President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus.



RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

Having in mind the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol linked therewith,

Recalling the unanimous resolutions of the House on Climate Change of 1 December 2011, 25 November 2010, 18 February 2010, 5 November 2009 and 11 December 2008,

Having in mind the Paris Agreement on Climate Change of December 2015, ratified by the House on 23 December 2016,

Underlining that the Paris Agreement constitutes a milestone in addressing climate change,

Recalling that, in Paris, in 2015, the USA committed to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28% below the 2005 levels by 2025, as the world's second largest emitter,

Reiterating that climate change affects all countries and all peoples indiscriminately and that addressing it requires global co-operation,

Resolves as follows:

- 1. Reaffirms its adherence and commitment to the objectives of the Paris Agreement, by contributing and reinforcing the endeavours of all Member States of the European Union and other countries in the world to tackle climate change,
- 2. Joins its voice with the voices of other Member States of the European Union and its institutions and *expresses* its disappointment at the extremely disturbing development that constitutes the decision of the USA to withdraw from the Paris Agreement,
- 3. *Trusts* that there is still margin for the USA to revise its decision and rejoin the universal struggle against climate change.

23 June 2017.