

**NATIONAL UNION OF  
GREEK AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS  
(NUGAS)**

**POLICY**

**CYPRUS**

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## **1.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- 1.1.1 NUGAS recognizes:
  - 1.1.1.a All people have fundamental rights and freedoms.
  - 1.1.1.b Such rights are encompassed but not limited by various International Instruments such as (i) the United Nations Charter (ii) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 (iii) the European Commission on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (iv) Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (12 August 1949) and (v) the Hague Convention No. IV of 1907.

## **1.2 TURKISH INVASION AND OCCUPATION**

- 1.2.1 On July 20, 1974 Turkey violently and unjustly invaded the sovereign Republic of Cyprus and re-invaded the island on August 14, 1974.
- 1.2.2 Turkey since these invasions has occupied 37% of Cyprus causing:
  - 1.2.2.a 200,000 people to become Refugees in their own Country
  - 1.2.2.b the Greek-Cypriot population within the Turkish Occupied area to be forced from their homes by the Turkish Army
  - 1.2.2.c 5,000 dead
  - 1.2.2.d 1,619 persons to still remain missing
  - 1.2.2.e the violation the Cypriot peoples basic rights and freedoms

## **1.3 NUGAS POSITION**

- 1.3.1 NUGAS believes:
  - 1.3.1.1 Turkish Invasion and continued Occupation of northern Cyprus is the pursuit of blatant expansionist and imperialist Turkish Policy.
  - 1.3.1.2 Any mitigating circumstances, such as the brief military regime was crumbled well before the August 14 re-invasion, highlighting the true Turkish intentions. That is that Turkey was not interested in its role as guarantor power as stated in the 'London-Zurich Agreement' but rather was pursuing its own self-interests
- 1.3.2 NUGAS condemns:
  - 1.3.2.1 The Turkish Invasion and Occupation of Cyprus
  - 1.3.2.2 The contemptuous attitudes and blatant disregard for human dignity and morality in Cyprus perpetrated by the Invaders
  - 1.3.2.3 The rapes, child slaughter, desecration of Orthodox churches, historical and priceless artefacts, the archaeological sites and Cypriot Heritage
  - 1.3.2.4 The looting of the property of Greek-Cypriot Refugees by the Turkish Army
  - 1.3.2.5 The seizure and occupation of immovable property by the Turkish Army, which has since been handed over to the Denktash regime
  - 1.3.2.6 The "grave breach" of the 1977 Protocol to the Geneva convention in which Turkey as occupying power transferred part of its own population into occupied territory, and the deportation and transfer of Greek-Cypriots from the Karpasia Area

- 1.3.2.7 The forcible prevention of Greek-Cypriot refugees returning to their homes
- 1.3.2.8 The forcible partition of the island-nation by the “Attila Line”
- 1.3.2.9 The unilateral declaration of a pseudo-state of 1983 in the area occupied by the Turkish troops. The Denktash regime, propped up by the Turkish forces has unilaterally proceeded to the “formation” of an “independent state” in the northern occupied region. A “state” condemned and not recognized by the entire World Community bar Turkey.
- 1.3.3 Such acts constitute serious acts against the entire Cypriot people - Greek, Turkish and all other minorities alike, and create a serious threat to International peace and security

#### **1.4 NUGAS demands:**

- 1.4.1 The implementation of all United Nations’ Resolutions on Cyprus through whatever means required, including 365(1974), 367(1975), 541(1983), 558(1984), 774(1992) and in particular strongly affirms 789(1992)
- 1.4.2 A just, immediate, lasting and peaceful solution to the Cyprus Problem.

#### **1.5 ACTION**

- 1.5.1 NUGAS shall:
  - 1.5.1.1 Maintain and pursue a just solution to the Cyprus problem through all avenues available
  - 1.5.1.2 Ensure the dissemination of information on the Cyprus Issue
  - 1.5.1.3 Reject any policies of governments, communities and institutions which may lead or promote to an injustice to the Cypriot people
  - 1.5.1.4 Lobby the Federal and State Governments, and Parliamentary Parties, to the active pursuit of a just solution to the Cyprus Issue
  - 1.5.1.5 Lobby all international institutions, including embassies foreign governments their representatives and the United Nations to actively pursue the provision of a just solution to the Cyprus Issue
  - 1.5.1.6 To assist other organizations to pursue a just, immediate, lasting and peaceful solution to the Cyprus issue through the international forum of the United Nations
  - 1.5.1.7 Communicate its position on the Cyprus Issue whenever the need arises to any organization and specifically shall actively pursue just media attention on the issue
  - 1.5.1.8 Disseminate information to, and educate its members regarding the Cyprus Issue and its position