

International Aggression and Violations of Human Rights: The Case of Turkey in Cyprus is “devoted exclusively to human rights issues raised by the 1974 Turkish invasion and continuing occupation of nearly 37 percent of the Republic of Cyprus. . . . Through my frequent visits to both the free and occupied areas of Cyprus, I have witnessed the consequences of ethnic cleansing and of the confiscation, usurpation, and exploitation of Greek Cypriot property in occupied Cyprus. I have spent hours talking with families of the missing about their anguish and discussed with displaced persons and refugees their longing to return to their ancestral homes in peace and safety. I have observed the demographic impact of Turkish settlers and the tragic living conditions of the enclaved in the Karpass Peninsula. I have also witnessed the destruction of the Greek Cypriot cultural heritage. . . . These issues have taken added significance because of their continuing nature, because the Republic of Cyprus is a member of the EU, and because the Republic of Turkey commenced EU accession talks in the fall of 2005. . . . This book reflects my conviction that no viable solution to the Cyprus problem is possible unless fundamental human rights issues are addressed in the context of European law. The accession of Cyprus to the EU and Turkey’s candidacy offer a unique opportunity to resolve this problem of invasion, occupation, and continuing violation of internationally recognized human rights. A solution conforming to EU law and principles will protect the rights of all Cypriots and will strengthen the European institutional and legal framework for the protection of human rights.”

From the author’s preface

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