

## Our Message to the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of OKOE.

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We, as KIBES, the civil society organisation for the Turkish Cypriots living in Turkey, would like to take this opportunity to express our good wishes for your Congress.

We attach great importance to our common contentment and support with respect to reaching a peaceful settlement in Cyprus. We strictly believe that without the cooperation of the civil society of both communities, a peaceful solution would never be reached. Therefore, by knowing the responsibilities on our shoulders we believe that our common struggle should always be strong.

Our hopes were raised again by the election of the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mustafa Akinci and the decision of the continuation of the inter-communal negotiations. We as the civil society organisations of both communities should support and encourage the leaders of both Communities in reaching a solution. Particularly, the United Cyprus Platform shall play a critical role in this respect. The peace culture projects which have been carried by OKOE and KIBES have been taken great attention from the public opinion, therefore, we shall continue in this direction.

We reiterated lastly our commitment to work on the civil society level to further materialise the propositions for confidence building measures made in the final declaration of the Conference that convened in December 2006 in Istanbul which we hold still valid and concern all walks of life and solving of Humanitarian issues. We welcome the steps which have been taking by the leaders of both communities in this respect.

Long live for our common struggle in the unification of Cyprus.

All the best,

**On Behalf of KIBES**

**Dr. Kivanç Diren**

