



**REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND YOUTH**

**Remarks by the Minister of Education, Sports and Youth
Dr. Athena Michaelidou,**

on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Armenia

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It is with great pleasure that I join you this evening in celebrating the Independence Day of the Republic of Armenia. On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Cyprus, I extend warmest congratulations and wishes to the Government and the brotherly people of Armenia.

This day marks a historical milestone for all Armenians, who in the face of challenges, adversity, and tumultuous geopolitical shifts, have preserved their identity and culture, persevered and flourished with remarkable resilience and determination.

The friendship between Cyprus and Armenia runs deep and is solidly built on shared values, mutual respect, and enduring historical bonds. Over the years, our relations have thrived, and they continue to grow and evolve, guided by our shared vision of peace, stability, mutual understanding and respect.

Our partnership has grown steadily over the years, reflecting shared values, trust, and a commitment to cooperation. The recent establishment of **resident Diplomatic Missions both in Nicosia and Yerevan** stands as a tangible testament to our shared commitment to further deepening our bilateral relations. In fact, the event tonight becomes all the more important and has its own special significance, since it is the first major event being organized after the opening of the Embassy of Armenia here in Cyprus.

I would also like express my heartfelt appreciation to the Armenian community of Cyprus. You have been, and continue to be, a vital **bridge of friendship and cooperation** between our

nations. Your contributions to Cyprus's social fabric, cultural and economic life are invaluable, as is your role in preserving Armenian heritage on our island.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Cyprus and Armenia share not only friendship but also a common understanding of the challenges faced by small states in our region, and a firm commitment to international law, sovereignty, and peaceful coexistence.

In this spirit, Cyprus reaffirms its steadfast support for the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of the Republic of Armenia within its internationally recognized borders. These are principles deeply rooted in our own experience and belief in a rules-based international order. We commend the constructive approach of the Armenian leadership toward achieving a comprehensive peace agreement and genuinely hope that these ongoing efforts will lead to a lasting, sustainable, and just peace in the South Caucasus. Within its means and the EU framework, Cyprus stands ready to support initiatives that promote reconciliation and stability. Cyprus also remains committed to supporting Armenia's path of closer alignment with the European Union, particularly during the upcoming Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU. We deeply appreciate Armenia's consistent support for Cyprus, especially regarding the Cyprus Issue and our efforts for a just and lasting settlement in line with international law and UN Security Council resolutions.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the occasion of Armenia's Independence Day, I am confident that the bonds between Cyprus and Armenia will continue to grow stronger, bringing lasting benefits to our peoples and the wider region.