

ANNEX I – Description of the Action



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Project Title: Support facility to the bi-communal Technical Committees

Brief Description

In March 2008 the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders established seven Technical Committees to work on confidence-building measures aimed not only at improving the everyday life of Cypriots, but also at encouraging and facilitating greater interaction between the two communities. In 2015, as a new round of negotiations started, new Technical Committees were established bringing the total number to eleven. The Technical Committees operate as mechanisms created with the purpose of developing confidence building measures that can improve the atmosphere of the peace and talks and demonstrate that the two communities can work together on issues of common concern.

The overall objective is to support the work of the Technical Committees (TCs), established by the two leaders in the context of the talks, to improve the everyday lives of Cypriots, through encouraging and facilitating greater interaction and understanding between the two communities. This effort will seek to enable cooperation and to build confidence with a view to contributing to a future reunification of the island. In consultation with relevant stakeholders, including the UN presence in Cyprus, this facility contributes to this aim through the provision of capacity-building and project-enabling support to the TCs.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- a) Support and enable the Technical Committees to adopt island-wide and intercommunal solutions for issues of common concern and to implement these in a strategic manner;
- b) Strengthen the capacity of the Technical Committees as effective inter-communal mechanisms for identifying, planning and implementing projects/initiatives that foster mutual understanding and cooperation;
- c) Seek ways to enhance the visibility of the impact of the work and successes of the Technical Committees through public outreach campaigns, including press releases, social media, awareness-raising and other audio-visual & written communication products.

Expected Output(s):

Output 1: Capacity building for cultural heritage management and maintenance

Output 2: Support to bi-communal Technical Committees' initiatives

Output 3: Maximise visibility & raise awareness about the work of the Technical Committees and the EU support to their initiatives.

The duration of the programme period will be **24 months**.