

**Address by the Ambassador of Chile, Mrs Marisol Cecilia Amparo Pérez Carranza,  
presenting her credentials to the PoR of the Republic of Cyprus, on June 9, 2023**

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to present the Letters of Credence by which the President of the Republic of Chile, Mr Gabriel Boric, has accredited me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Chile.

Cyprus and Chile share the most basic values, such as the promotion of democracy, the respect of human rights, the reinforcement of civil rights, and equality for all their people. Also, we share similar challenges, such as overcoming poverty, transparency, economic stability, high quality education and gender equality.

Europe has always constituted a relevant area for our foreign policy. In 2002, my government signed an Association Agreement with the European Union, which laid out the foundations for a closer relationship. The joining of Cyprus to the European Union in 2004 established the bridge for a broader liaison. More now, that the agreement is being upgraded and is now under legal revision. This new agreement will most certainly boost the political dialogue, the cooperation, and the economic and our trade relations, with a more diversified agenda that includes science, technology, research and innovation for the development of our international competitiveness, with the participation of Small and Medium Size Companies, universities and scientific agencies. In this context, we believe that agricultural development, renewable energies, collaboration in new technologies under start-up programs, geology – especially copper and lithium – as well as academic cooperation, are areas in which there is an important potential for fruitful cooperation, that I look forward to work closely with your Government.

Our common views have created a fruitful ground for multilateral assistance, cooperation and mutual support for candidatures in several international organizations. Within the framework of this collaboration, Mr President, Cyprus supported the Chilean candidate to the International Court of the Sea for the period 2020-2029, a woman whose election came

in accordance with one of Chile's most important foreign policy pillars, which is the strict respect for international law, the inviolability of treaties, the judicial and peaceful resolution of controversies, non-interference in the internal affairs of other States and the search for peace and international security. This policy, obviously, has been especially significant in the field of maritime delimitation and the extension of continental shelves, where the Republics of Cyprus and Chile share the same views.

Between our nations, a clear manifestation of friendship throughout the years has been our participation in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Since year 2003 we have had a group of military observers, a policy that is aimed at alleviating the consequences of the territorial division, for which we hope to find a comprehensive and peaceful settlement. We have a strong commitment with Peace and Security, and we believe in the importance of promoting and reinforcing multilateral institutions, while supporting democratic and human rights principles, as well as equity at the international level.

Finally, I would like to stress two important policies that the Government of Chile is actively pursuing. One is the so-called Turquoise Foreign Policy, which combines the priorities of our BLUE sea with the challenges presented by the GREEN environmental field, which is aimed at promoting concrete actions to develop solutions in harmony with nature in order to ensure the conservation of biodiversity at a global level. And the second is the so called Feminist Foreign Policy, which aims to enhance the role of women at the highest levels of policy making. We, WOMEN, can enrich the debate at every public space where we have the chance to participate. Thus, this policy's objective is to allow women to reach the highest level of policy decision-making, a traditionally male-dominated field, especially in foreign policy. In this sense, we would like to see that our bilateral relation moves upon this path.

Your Excellency, I am confident that considering the international backgrounds of Cyprus and Chile, we are in good condition to face together the many challenges that lie before us, and grasp relevant opportunities in the bilateral aspect that will help us to further develop new areas of cooperation, cultural exchange and business between our countries.

Thank you.