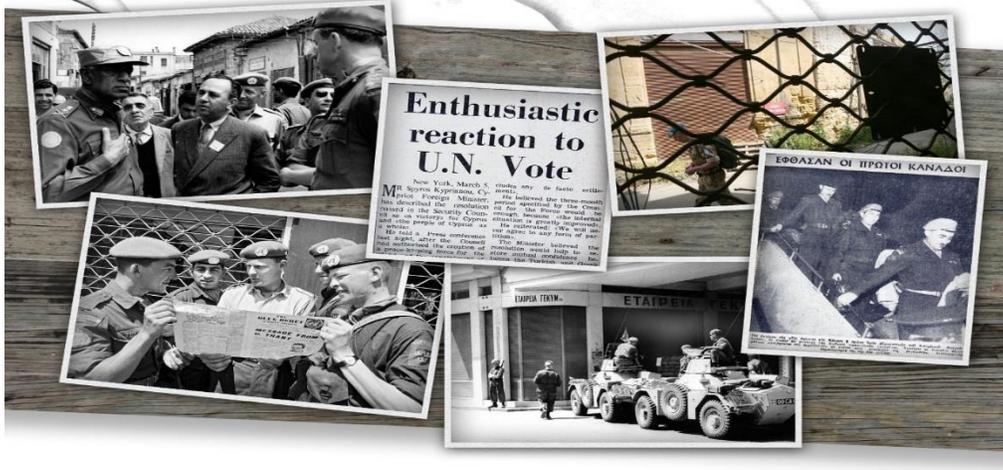


# 50 år med FN:s fredsstyrka på Cypern (UNFICYP): Med uppskattning

## 50 years UNFICYP: In appreciation



Dear Media representatives,

The Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Stockholm has the pleasure to forward to you information regarding the programme of events to take place on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 in recognition of 50 years since the establishment of the UNFICYP (United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus) in 1964 and the important contribution of Sweden from 1964-1993. We are honoured that the events on that date will take place in the presence of H.R.H. Prince Carl Philip. Also forwarded is a Fact Sheet outlining basic facts regarding UNFICYP.

If there is interest on your part to cover the event, please send an email **by Nov. 10th** to: [stockholmembassy@mfa.gov.cy](mailto:stockholmembassy@mfa.gov.cy) with your name and the media organisation you represent, in order to receive an invitation. Please note that all guests, including media representatives, are kindly requested to present the invitation upon arrival.

For more information, please contact: Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus, Melina Savva (Embassy no: 08-24 50 08, Mobile: 07-00 14 15 46 or at the above email).

## Notice for the Media

### 50 Years of United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)

#### PROGRAMME

Commemoration event at the Veterans Monument in Djurgården and  
Opening of Photo Exhibition and Reception at Armémuseum  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### (a) Commemoration event – laying of wreath at Veterans Monument

Date: Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Location: Veterans Monument, Djurgården, Stockholm

Access: The area is open and accessible for wider public and media. No prior registration or arrangements are necessary.

<u>Nov. 12th Time</u>	<u>Commemoration event – laying of wreath at Veterans Monument in Djurgården</u>
14.45	Guests arrive at Veterans Monument in Djurgården
15.00	H.R.H. Prince Carl Philip arrives Ceremony - laying of wreath at Veterans Monument
15.30	Departure from Djurgården to Armémuseum

#### (b) Opening of Photo Exhibition / Reception at Armémuseum

Date: Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> / Duration of Exhibition: After the opening, the Photo Exhibition will be available at the Armémuseum for public viewing from 13 to 26 November 2014

Location: Armémuseum, Riddargatan 13, Stockholm

Access: For security reasons, if you are interested to attend, please send an email by November 10th to: [stockholmembassy@mfa.gov.cy](mailto:stockholmembassy@mfa.gov.cy) with your name and the media organisation you represent, in order to receive an invitation to be presented upon arrival.

<u>Nov. 12th Time</u>	<u>Photo Exhibition / Reception at Armémuseum</u>
16.00	Arrival of guests at Armémuseum - Reception
16.15	Arrival of H.R.H. Prince Carl Philip at Armémuseum
16.30	Remarks (Armémuseum Museum Director – Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus – Representative of Swedish Government – Representative of the Veterans – H.R.H. Prince Carl Philip who will formally open the Photo Exhibition)
17.00 -18.00	Photo exhibition  A "press corner" will be available, providing the opportunity for interviews with:  - Two UNFICYP female veterans, representing the first Swedish women who served in a peacekeeping mission abroad (Ms. Christina Ulvenfeldt from Stockholm (1981) and Ms. Gun Lindén from Västerås (1985))  - Two Swedish UNFICYP veterans and their Cypriot wives who met and married in 1964 and this year celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

## FACT SHEET

### 50 Years of United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)

This year marks 50 years since the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) in 1964. On this occasion, the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Stockholm is organising an event in order to express gratitude and pay tribute to the thousands of Swedish military and police officers who served as part of UNFICYP during the period 1964-1993. The event is kindly supported by the Government Offices of Sweden, Swedish Armed Forces, Swedish Police, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Armémuseum and the Sweden Veteran Federation.

#### • Establishment of UNFICYP

UNFICYP is one of the longest-running UN Peacekeeping Missions. The establishment of UNFICYP was mandated by the UN Security Council in its Resolution 186 adopted on 4 March 1964, following the outbreak of the inter-communal conflict on the island and the threat of an imminent invasion by Turkey.

#### • UNFICYP's mandate / main functions

- **Preventing recurrence of fighting - maintaining the cease fire.** Following the 1974 Turkish invasion and the occupation of the northern 36.4% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, the mandate of the Force was adjusted. The most significant change was the adoption of a new operational concept, that of supervision of the 180 km-long buffer area stretching from west to east of the island, including through the capital, Nicosia.
- **Contributing to the maintenance and restoration of law and order as necessary.**
- **Contributing to a return to normal conditions.**
- **Humanitarian role.** In the aftermath of the Turkish invasion, UNFICYP played an important role in relief efforts by rendering assistance to the victims of the invasion, facilitating deliveries of medical and food supplies and working towards locating missing persons. Until this day, UNFICYP provides assistance to the enclaved still living in the occupied areas.

#### • UNFICYP's Composition

The first military contingents and civilian police arriving in April 1964 were from Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden and the United Kingdom. It is noted that, since 1964, 184 peacekeepers lost their lives while serving in Cyprus.

According to the latest Report of the UN Secretary General (6/2014), UNFICYP currently comprises of 858 military and 62 police personnel. Since its establishment, the following countries have contributed to UNFICYP's composition: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Montenegro, Nepal, Norway, Netherlands, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uruguay.

#### • Sweden's contribution

Sweden's contribution to UNFICYP represents its largest and longest engagement in a UN peacekeeping operation. Between 1964 and 1993, 25,616 military and 2,365 police officers served in UNFICYP. During this 30-year period, sadly 17 Swedish peacekeepers lost their lives wearing the blue beret in Cyprus. Of note also is that UNFICYP was the first international peacekeeping mission in which Swedish women participated.