

Joint UK-Cyprus statement on the Sovereign Base areas

Press release

Joint Statement on the “Arrangement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland relating to the regulation of development in the Sovereign Base Areas”



The UK Government and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus announce today the next important stage in the implementation of the bilateral Arrangement reached in 2014 on the regulation of non-military development in the Bases.

The Department of the Environment of the Republic of Cyprus and the SBA Administration will tomorrow morning publish the Draft Policy Statement, the zoning arrangements, including maps, and the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) report relating to the Arrangement. The publication of the SEIA report will commence a 35-day public consultation phase, which is the essential first step towards allowing, in accordance with the provisions of the final Policy Statement and the zoning arrangements, residential and commercial land development in the Bases on the same basis as in the Republic.

The implementation of the Arrangement reflects the excellent level of the bilateral relations between our two countries and governments. In the 60th year of diplomatic relations between the UK and the Republic of Cyprus, it represents a significant step forward in strengthening and deepening even further our cooperation and bilateral engagement which is based on common values, principles and ideals, as well as the strong bonds of friendship and historical ties that exist between our two countries and peoples.

It also shows our collective commitment to securing and promoting the prosperity of the residents and communities living in the Base Areas, while ensuring that the Bases will continue to function in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Treaty of Establishment.

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