

## About Andronicos' satirical 'manifesto'

I initially intended to publish my political ideas and vision how to fix most of Cyprus' problems via a satirical manifesto. However, after the satirical manifesto was completed, I decided to publish the serious one in parallel and run a presidential campaign to get my ideas read.

You can read extracts of the satirical one below and cross-reference it to [my presidential manifesto](#). It is aimed at those who find politics boring, especially the younger, disillusioned generation who see no point in voting at elections because they believe all politicians and political parties are generally a bunch of **clowns**. Maintaining the theme of 'clowns', I will now introduce you to who may be the king of all clowns:

### How would you rule Cyprus as its monarch with absolute power?

How would you rule Cyprus if you had absolute power as its king or queen?

How 'my' pseudo king would attempt to do so will now be presented in his 'official manifesto'.

**As the author, I will provide frank and honest counterarguments in [dark red].**

I explain most of my **underlying serious messages and symbolism** in the addendum.

### The 50 emergency decrees of Andronicos, King of Cyprus

My dear people,

Following the decades of problems Cyprus and its people have endured under the control of dinosaur politicians, I have decided to rule our country as your king. As there are Turkish Cypriots among you, I will also be known as the Sultan of Cyprus. My 'coup' will be non-violent.

My rule will begin at 8.00 am on Valentine's Day (14/02/2023) or '142' for short, a few days after the 2023 Cyprus presidential elections. I will rule with empathy and compassion. I chose Valentine's Day because I love and adore my people, similar to how a cat lovingly protects her cute little kittens. If my subjects were beautiful flowers, I would be the honeybee that pollinates them with my love. **[Andronicos the author: could someone fetch me a bucket, I think I'm going to be sick]**

I am a patriot. Since the age of 5 I insisted on wearing the Cyprus flag on my head. I have drafted my decrees now to give ample time for the new president, my government, my parliament, my public sector employees, and my subjects to prepare in advance. To keep things simple so that children and Cypriot politicians can understand them, I have included drawings.

So let it be written. So let it be done.

**[Andronicos the author: I think the pseudo king means, 'So let it be written. So let it be mocked']**



Andronicos, King of Cyprus

**[Andronicos the author: God help Cyprus and all of us if this pseudo king 'clown' was real]**

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## Your king's 50 emergency decrees: his royal manifesto

1. **My official emblem of power.** As a symbol of my absolute authority, from 14/2/23 all my government buildings will fly my emblem shown below. Out of respect to the Cyprus flag, my emblem must always be flown at a lower height. All my subjects are welcome to use it on clothing, bikinis, mankinis, hats, vehicles, shops, offices, and homes to **signal a demand for change** as they are fed up with the same old Cyprus politics and its dinosaur politicians. The rationale of its design is somewhat obvious. I want everyone in power and influence present and future to **look at themselves in a mirror daily**. From today, the priority will be what's best for my people and my kingdom, not themselves, their political parties, nor the special interest groups that allegedly sometimes fund them.

[Andronicos the author: perhaps as part of the pseudo king's merchandising, his emblem should be on toilet paper. He would make a lot of money]



2. **Changes to the Cyprus Constitution.** Dictatorial decrees issued during the Covid pandemic allowed the government to do almost anything it wanted on emergency health grounds. As it will report to me from 14/2/23, I will use the same powers because the way things are done in Cyprus often makes my subjects feel ill. Regardless, the constitution will be changed with a new article 200: *'As absolute monarch, Andronicos King of Cyprus, can override any of the previous 199 articles in the Constitution and issue new royal decrees at any time.'*

[Andronicos the author: Cyprus population today: 900,000. Cyprus population after our pseudo king comes to power on 142 (14/2/23): just him. Everyone would leave Cyprus and ask for political asylum anywhere in the world including Turkey out of desperation. There would be a note at all ports and both airports: *'Would the last person escaping from Cyprus please switch the lights off.'*]

3. **The new president.** I will accept the will of my subjects and recognise their choice for president in the February 2023 elections. S/he will report to me. As an act of benevolence on my part, s/he may still live at my Presidential Palace, **in a luxury used caravan placed in its car park**. This is because, somewhat obviously, I will be living there. As Anastasiades will be in power until 28 February 2023, he will temporarily live in a **tent** near my palace's back door for

two weeks. Both presidents will be on call 24x7 and can be summoned for my instructions at any time. I will use a bell and foghorn to do so.

[Andronicos the author: I don't think our pseudo king has thought this through properly. Where will president Anastasiades use the bathroom or take a shower? Where will Mrs Anastasiades live?]

4. **My ministers and deputy ministers** will continue to report to the new president except for a new 'minister for government efficiency', who will report to me. Nevertheless, all my ministers must follow me with notepads in hand, as done in North Korea, in case I am mindful to give direct instructions. On 31/12/23, I will grade my ministers based on their quality, similar to supermarket vegetables. Grade 'B' means 'slightly above satisfactory'. 'D' means about to be FIRED. In the last 10 years, the only ministers who would have got an excellent 'A' grade from me are Georgiades, Lakkotrypis, Kokkinos, and C Petrides. It is an immense honour to be awarded an 'A' grade by their king. I am above party politics, thus I require the new president to select future ministers from across most of the political spectrum.

[Andronicos the author: Our pseudo king's personal endorsement has destroyed the future political and business careers of four internationally respected Cypriots.]

5. **New government appointments** from February 2023 will include a deputy minister to deal with migrants, non-Cypriot residents, and diaspora Cypriots worldwide; a deputy minister for consumer protection, a minister for happiness, and a commissioner for pigeon eradication and white dove protection. The minister for happiness will be dressed as Father Christmas when on official duties. His/her job will be to ensure Christmas lasts year round for my subjects and visitors to my island. These new appointees will all report to the president.
6. **My parliament.** From 14/2/23, a sword will be placed in front of my president at the House of Representatives as a symbol of my power. S/he will wear a symbolic executioner's mask to instil fear. The mask will be embroidered by my talented Lefkara ladies, so it doesn't look like one from a specialist adult store, or a child's Batman mask. For goodness' sake, I don't want the president of my parliament looking ridiculous. Furthermore, my emblem will be prominently displayed on the wall behind his/her seat as a sign of my absolute power and authority.



I have a country to rule. My parliament's job is to rubber stamp my decrees and implement them as I do not have the time or patience to micromanage everything. Any member of my parliament who talks too much or disagrees with me will be forced to put a baby's pacifier in his/her mouth. The second time they dare to do so, they will be replaced by a temporary representative of my choosing until the next parliamentary election.



As an experiment, the Cyprus Children's Parliament will sit in parallel. If they do a better job, they will replace all current representatives until the next election. No child will be permitted to serve if they've ever **sold passports**, have undisclosed offshore bank accounts, sit on the boards of companies with conflicts of interest, or are funded by and represent special interest groups without full disclosure.

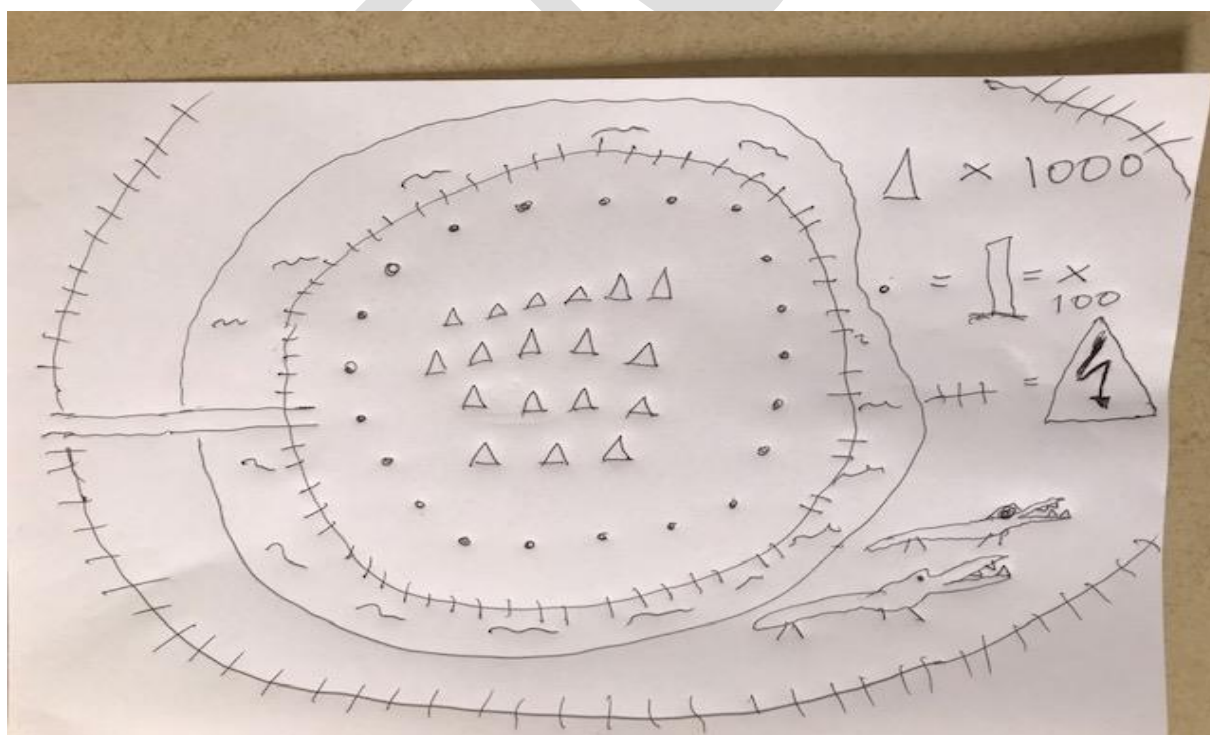
[Andronicos the author: I doubt our pseudo king will be invited to any MP family baptisms.]

7. **My royal tour.** It is customary for newly elected Cyprus presidents to first visit Greece based on our shared Hellenism and culture. I will do so but include Australia and New Zealand afterwards. Why don't Cyprus presidents ever visit these great countries following an election? Anyway, I will do so as king. I've never seen a kangaroo and would also love to visit Lord of the Rings country as my rule is modelled on some of the characters. I will also use these nations' expertise so that our rugby union team gets to the World Cup finals in the 2030s. Maybe they'll even give us some wallabies for the Troodos and milk in future to avoid all the recent fuss about halloumi milk quotas. Under my rule, halloumi production will increase 500%, so I need to guarantee milk supplies if Cyprus or the EU cannot. I'll also visit because of the Cypriot diaspora there. [Memo note to my staff: arrange a 2023-2030 royal global tour starting with Greece.]

[Andronicos the author: It is unlikely our pseudo king will be permitted to land his plane. The Australian and New Zealand air force will probably escort him out of their air space. And so will every other country in this 2023-2030 so-called 'royal global tour'.]



8. **Pride in our heritage.** Every Cyprus district, city, town, and village will be allowed one way to spell its name in **English**. The sloppy attitude of *'It doesn't matter as long as it sounds similar'* in English will end. Try finding a UK hotel on Google or searching an online map for directions if London can optionally be spelt by its Roman name, Londinium. Any village that does not obey this edict will have its naming rights sold to the highest bidder in a 10-year corporate sponsorship deal. For example, Phinikaria/Finikaria/Foinikaria could be renamed 'Cocopops' and Emba/Empa renamed 'Pampers'. The state will earn all income. To assist our restaurant industry with subliminal advertisements, I will temporarily select food names for cities that do not obey this decree. Nicosia/Lefkosia will be renamed 'Meatballs'<sup>1</sup>, Limassol/Lemesos 'Souvlaki', Larnaca/Larnaka 'Halloumi' and Paphos/Pafos 'Tzatziki'. Ministers responsible have until 31/12/23 to comply or will be FIRED on live television at their Meatballs offices. Global outreach will follow to avoid confusion, for example Eurovision. *'Good evening, Meatballs. May I have the votes from the Cyprus jury? We assume it's the usual douze points for Greece.'*
9. **My new 'open' prison** will be built in a village I will select and be surrounded by an electric fence and a large moat full of crocodiles. It will cost prisoners €100 a night to stay in one of its 1,000 tents excluding meals, service charge, VAT, cleaning, toilet use, and 15% tip to the chosen village for the inconvenience. Maximum stay will be 7 nights. My taxi drivers must be given a mandatory 100% tip when delivering prisoners. It will still be cheaper than using my open prison's car park. I admit art was never my strong point, nevertheless I've drawn it below as my staff couldn't contact Banksy.



[Andronicos the author: I have a better idea. Let's only have **one large tent** and put our pseudo king (and his huge ego) in his own open prison for the rest of his life and throw away the key.]

<sup>1</sup> 'Keftedes' sounds more polite in English, but most foreigners don't know this word. Hence, 'Meatballs'.

10. **Bird traps.** Anyone convicted of using lime sticks to catch cute little birds will be physically glued for 8 hours to poles I will have erected on the Ayia Napa seafront main road. They will not be allowed food and water. Anyone convicted of knowingly eating these illegally trapped cute little birds will be sent to my open prison and glued to one of its poles for 2 hours. They will be permitted to leave after they have consumed a whole 4KG chicken, which will cost €100 to buy from the prison supermarket. It will cost more if they want to buy a dead one, or one already cooked that has not gone 21 days past its expiry date. Exceptions for the elderly or those with health issues will apply.

11. **Pigeons.** Subject to receipts from pig farms, pet food manufacturers, French restaurants, or my prison (to feed my crocodiles), every culled dead pigeon<sup>2</sup> will facilitate a tax deduction of €2 per flying rat. Culling must be done humanely. Anyone caught breeding pigeons for this purpose will spend 40 hours cleaning germ-infested bird droppings, which can cause blindness, from city pavements. I invite suggestions on how plump village pigeons can be used for cooking or a new type of souvlaki. This edict will not apply to carrier pigeons as a few public sector managers stuck in the past probably still use them, as they do fax machines. White doves should never be harmed.

[Andronicos the author: our pseudo king clearly has an issue with pigeons. Perhaps it was a childhood trauma]

12. **Access to your king, and feral cats.** My subjects will be able to communicate with me via email, video-call, or face to face. I will welcome suggestions on how to improve their lives and my kingdom; for example, how to deal with feral cats. My island has a cat tradition dating back several millennia. Questions: what percentage should be caught and neutered? How can they be used for paid adverts; for example, Keo beer and Tesla cars? How can those that hang about tourist areas and beg for food at restaurants happily carry leaflets for local businesses and attractions? As I am the king of efficiency, feral cats will be pampered, but they must work to provide the state income. Those that give the best feral cat ideas by 8am 14/2/23 will have the honour of being invited to my palace.

[Andronicos the author: CORRECTION. Cyprus' population today: 900,000.

Cyprus' population after our pseudo king comes to power on 142 (14/2/23): just him and thousands of feral cats with the words 'Tesla' or 'Keo' spray-painted on their backs.]

13. **Motoring.** Anyone convicted of driving through the highway tunnel east of Pissouri too lazy to switch their headlights on will have them smashed with a hammer by my police officers issuing the €100 tickets. They will be forced to buy new ones ASAP or get another ticket for driving with faulty headlights. Anyone doing so while speeding, drinking coffee, or holding a baby while using a phone at the same time will have their car immediately impounded. This will also apply to the third highway tailgating offence in a year, as proven by dual-facing cameras which will be mandatory on all vehicles.

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<sup>2</sup> Refer to the addendum for the meaning of the symbolism used throughout this manifesto, such as crocodiles and pigeons.

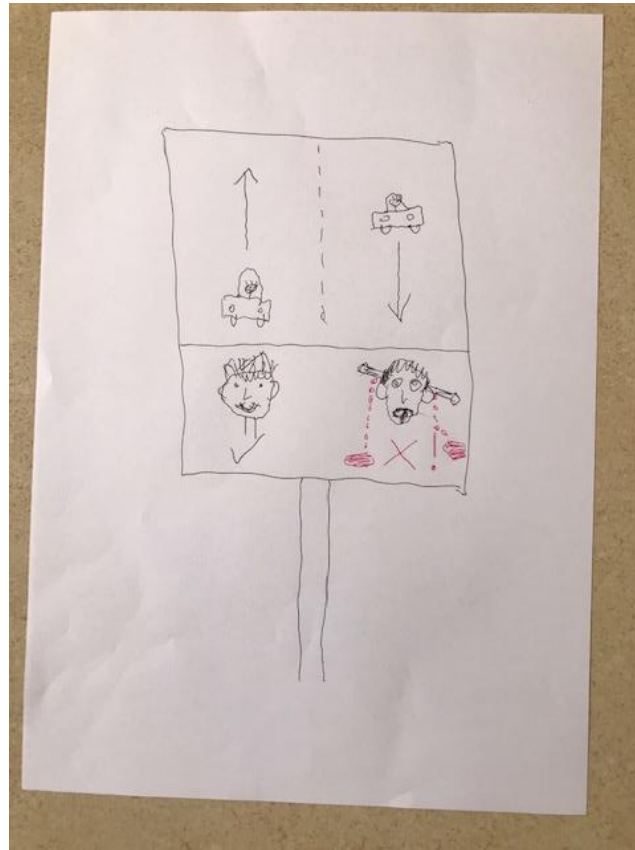


The following exemptions to speeding will apply: my emergency services, a passenger giving birth, or if the driver is delivering a human organ for emergency transplant including his/her own.

Any motorcyclist caught doing wheelies while speeding trying to impress the 'babes' on the Limassol strip with their self-perceived manliness will have their motorbike impounded and sold. If doing so while drinking coffee and holding a baby while using a phone at the same time, they will spend three months without pay as a juggling stunt driver **clown** at an EU-based travelling circus. The state will receive the income, less board and lodging.

[Andronicos the author: and the **head clown** at the travelling circus will be... our pseudo king]

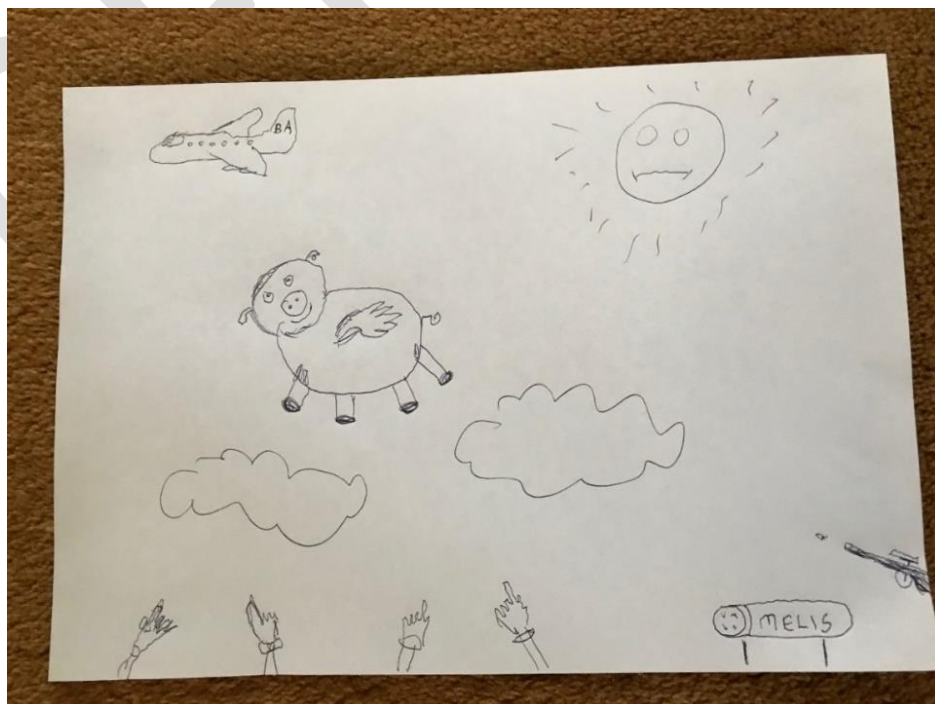
14. **Government forms.** Most of them will be put in the recycling bin. I decree that every form my long-suffering subjects and visitors to my kingdom are currently forced to use will be reviewed by my new ministry for government efficiency and rewritten. I forbid that they be digitally 'transformed' online until this is done. They will be rewritten by professionals who know what they are doing. Those forms already printed that are deemed to be unnecessary or ridiculous will be recycled or used for pet toilets. Unfortunately, there would not be enough cats, hamsters, and parrots for this objective, even if all pet owners on the whole of my island were given supplies for 25 years.
15. **My police force.** Officers will be provided with 400KPH Tesla Roadsters for car chases, which will be streamed live. It will be more entertaining than watching, say, 'The Real Househusbands of Paphos/Pafos/Tzatziki'.
16. **Electricity supply and the EAC.** Firstly, I very much commend my EAC engineers who ensure power is restored 24x7 during thunderstorms in potentially dangerous circumstances. Secondly, the EAC website (in Greek and English) is probably one of the best 'government' ones there is in Cyprus. I note it has a new highly educated and experienced board. Excellent. Now prove you deserve your jobs and for a few months I will give you the benefit of the doubt. I therefore decree a number of changes be implemented by 8am 14/2/23 or you will all be FIRED and **replaced by Aphrodite, my cat.**
17. **Road signs.** I want the name of the person who decided to place 'drive on the left' signs in English and Greek on the left side of Cyprus' roads. Did it not dawn on him that not every visitor on my island reads English or Greek and if they're driving on the wrong side of the road, these signs will probably not be seen? By the first anniversary of my rule, after the street parties have ended, I want all these signs to be dual facing on both sides of key roads using blood-soaked, extremely **graphic imagery** as a shock tactic on one side, and red flashing exclamation marks (!!!) on the other, wrong side. All school and university students are welcome to create a design for the sign, and a prize will be awarded for the winning entry in 2023. Remember: no text in any language will be permitted. Below is one I prepared as an example.



[Andronicos the author: if our pseudo king was a professional artist, he would starve.]

### 18. My new minister for government efficiency

The words 'Cyprus government' and 'efficiency' can never ever be used in the same sentence together. I can sum it up with this drawing, but under my rule efficiency will be transformed:



19. **Graffiti and football hooliganism** measures will be strengthened with additional 'royal' punishments. Anyone caught drawing graffiti on road signs and walls will spend 40 hours cleaning it across my kingdom while wearing a T-shirt that states 'Idiot' in three languages. If this graffiti is for or against a football team, the culprit will also work one match day in the men's toilets of a neutral team dressed in ballerina attire and pink tights giving complimentary cool face towels, moist toilet tissue and squirts of designer cologne at his expense. The above additional punishments will be quadrupled to 4 match days for hooliganism.

To end this decree on a positive note, I would like every Cypriot to support our national rugby team 'the Mouflons' and more individuals to attend its local matches based in Paphos/Pafos/Tzatziki. I want my national rugby union team to qualify for the World Cup in the 2030s. Did you know they hold the world record for the most consecutive wins? 24 between 2008 and 2014.

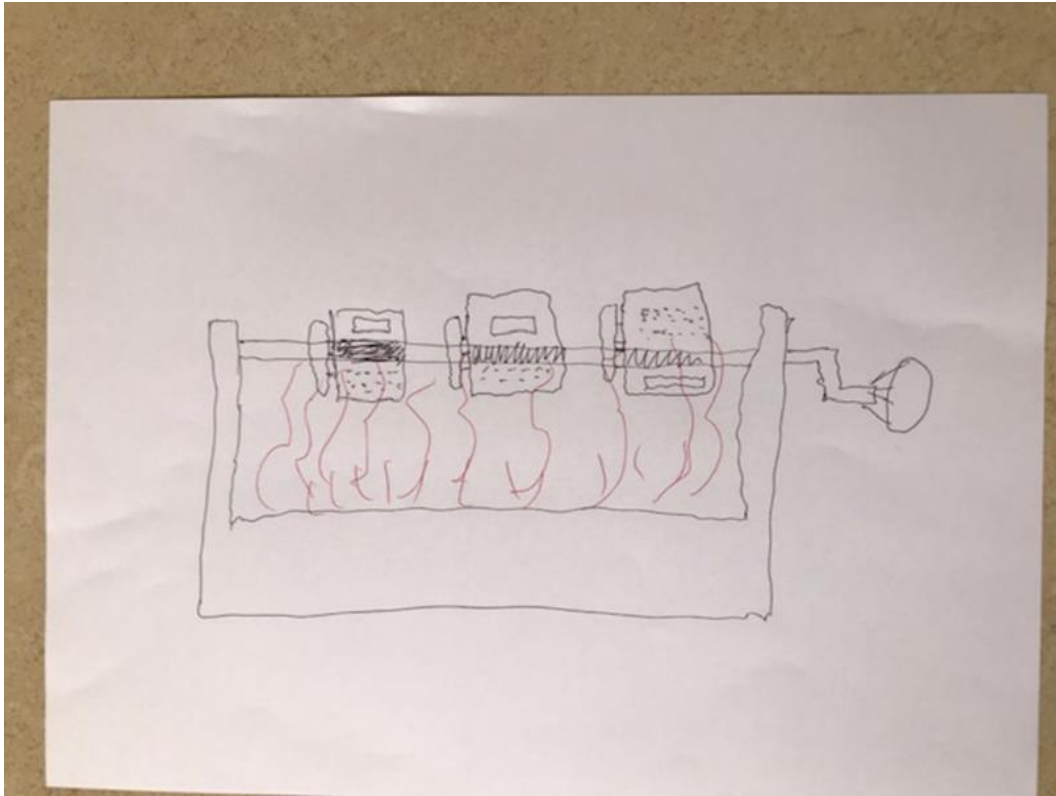
20. **My kingdom's sovereign wealth fund.** I decree that my kingdom's sovereign natural gas and oil wealth fund be outsourced to experts such as Norway's Norges Bank IM to manage. They are clearly very good at doing so, as their own fund is now worth over \$1.2 trillion. That's c€200,000 for each Norwegian man, woman, and child. See [www.nbim.no](http://www.nbim.no) for the actual value now. If managed by us Cypriots, our future generations will likely end up with a few cents each due to various almighty investment cockups, political interference, or vote buying. If the fund is not outsourced to international experts, I believe it is quite feasible that in 20 years' time a sheepish live broadcast by a future president could go something like this...

*'The government regrets to inform the public that our sovereign wealth fund needs recapitalisation. Its trustees were subjected to an elaborate €20 billion Euro Bitcoin fraud when completing the purchase of a small island. They wanted to turn Australia into a Hellenic Cyprus island because they found it irritating that Greece has many islands, but we only have Crete. Furthermore, they planned to introduce miniature kangaroos and wallabies to the Troodos to attract tourism. An independent enquiry will now be commissioned [which the government will totally ignore unless the previous government is shown to be at fault]. The trustees of the wealth fund will enjoy their full salaries until aged 70 and then receive a generous pension, all paid for by the state because the fund has no money to do so. I'm really, really sorry, but these things happen.'*

[Andronicos the author: eh? Crete is not part of the Cyprus Republic. Is the pseudo king from a parallel reality?]

21. **Fax machines.** This is 2022, not 1992. I therefore decree that the manufacture, import, possession, distribution, buying, selling, marrying, or using of a fax machine will be banned at all government departments. If any government, municipality, village, or semi-government employee ever suggests to anyone that they should use a fax machine instead of email, that person will automatically spend one night in my open prison. By 31/12/23, every fax machine from every government office will be taken to an area in front of my open prison and destroyed. Three will be symbolically BBQed as souvla, the rest environmentally recycled. Any reference to fax numbers on government websites will be removed.

The cost savings from having to rent these additional phone lines will pay for inexpensive office smartphones connected to Wi-Fi that can scan a document with OCR, which can then be sent securely via email, internal systems, or Ariadni. A by-product of OCR is that the >30% of the population that does not read Greek properly can quickly translate documents online. All flatbed scanners will be environmentally recycled.



22. [The ridiculous new business professional tax](#) recently levied by municipalities on companies will be abolished and refunded. As soon as it had become law in the middle of the pandemic, invoices were issued with little explanation for €195 per year as a local tax for providing no service whatsoever. What ridiculous stealth tax was planned next? A €100 tax based on where a company's director lives? What do foreigners who opened companies in Cyprus think about this alleged rip-off?

Some municipalities wanted to get their hands on this free money so quickly that they even wrongfully issued undiscounted invoices to charities and dormant companies. Had a commercial organisation done so, just in case it was owed money, it would likely have been prosecuted. By 142 (14/2/23), these monies will be refunded plus a 10% penalty and interest.

If municipalities want to earn additional taxes for doing nothing, they should change their names for product placement and sponsorship revenue. For example, Limassol/Lemesos/Souvlaki municipality can be changed to 'Burger King'. At least no one will be allegedly ripped off.

23. [My auditor general](#). Had it not been for the so-called business professional tax, which was his idea, I would have bestowed the title **Prince Odysseas Michaelides** upon him as an honour. Although he likes the sound of his own voice, he has an excellent track record as the state's

auditing rottweiler. I will review this decision and possibly promote him, if Michaelides is instrumental in fixing the mess caused by this ridiculous tax issued by municipalities that provide absolutely nothing in return.

24. **Crete will form part of my realm.** I adore Greece, its culture, and people. To prove my love, Crete will be allowed to merge with Cyprus in a mini version of 'enosis', but back to front. This will be done via a bizonal, bicomunal federation with a central government ruled by me. The Knossos palace will be rebuilt as my official summer residence. Although I have absolute power, I am a very humble, compassionate king. Therefore, I will allow referenda in Greece, Cyprus, and Crete, before enforcing this edict in 2025.

In the extremely unlikely event these referendums fail to pass a 'yes' vote by more than 99.777%, I will select another small island: Australia. All government websites will be in Greek and the whole nation must learn to speak Greek in 100 days. Courses will be taught online via video link. As a sign of total obedience, within 7 months all kangaroos in Australia must be spray-painted with the Cyprus flag, and all cats must show adverts for Cyprus halloumi.

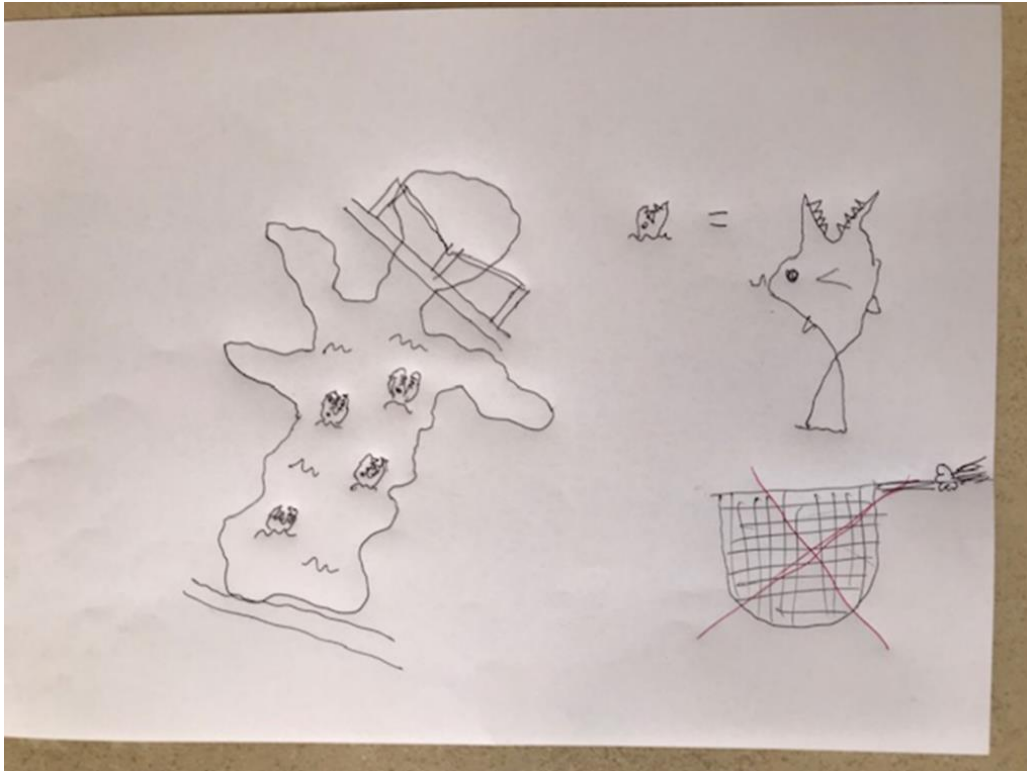
[Andronicos the author: if only the Cretan minotaur was alive. Our pseudo king could be moved into the labyrinth, so the despairing Cretan people could get rid of him. If the pseudo king ever visited Australia, he would probably be imprisoned in a secure psychiatric hospital for his safety]

25. **Anti-corruption measures.** As a symbol of my anti-corruption enforcement decrees, I will introduce an old custom used in certain towns abroad, such as High Wycombe, UK. All municipality and village mayors will be publicly weighed upon taking office and again when they leave. I am a compassionate king, so those who had a health issue will be exempt.
26. **Conscription** will be reduced to 9 months starting 2027 subject to other factors. As king I am the commander in chief. I want a report on my desk detailing how two **military drones** with a net in between, controlled by the national guard, can be used to catch and then dispose of pigeons over my reservoir to feed my piranhas. These drones must never cross the UN buffer zone as I do not want to start a war based on a silly misunderstanding. I want a proof-of-concept designed by 8am 14/2/23. Has my order been understood, soldier?

[Andronicos the author: our pseudo king has serious mental issues relating to pigeons. Why did he mention piranhas? What reservoir?]

27. **My Yermasogeia Reservoir.** Genetically modified piranha fish will be introduced in its waters for reasons I will disclose later. Fishing will be forbidden; however, rowing will be allowed. The reservoir will be renamed '**The King Andronicos Reservoir**'. A suspension bridge will be built for pedestrians, modelled on the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, but obviously somewhat smaller, between the villages of Phinikaria/Finikaria/Foinikaria/Cocopops and Akrounta. It will not allow traffic other than donkeys and bicycles, so that families can chill out while watching rowing and swimming.





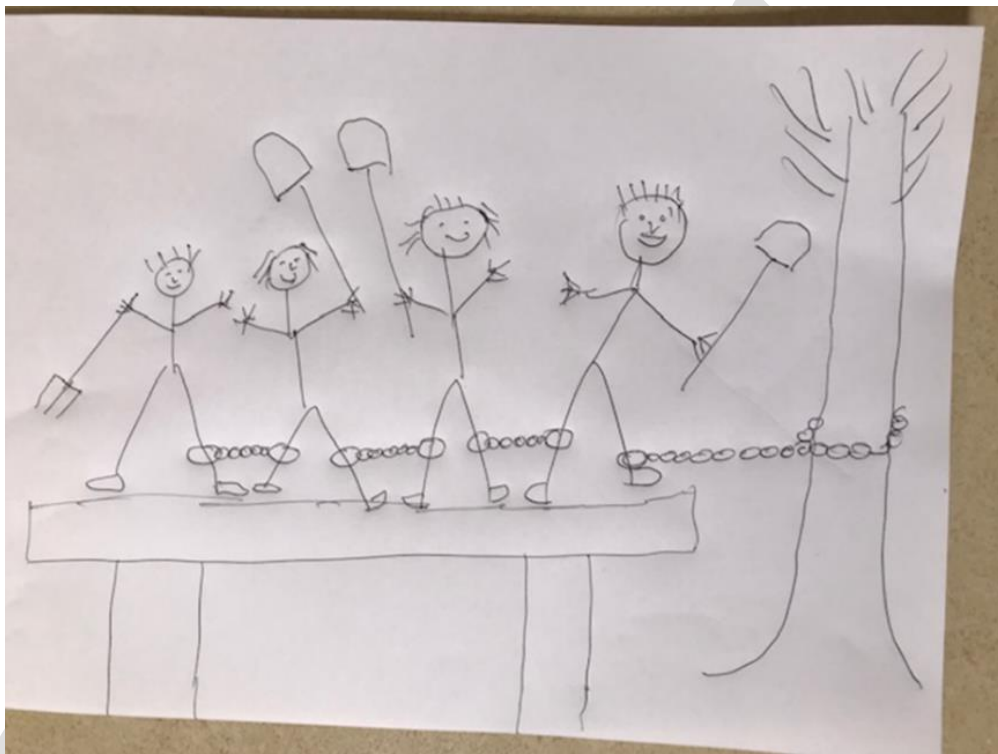
[Andronicos the author: has our pseudo king gone totally mad? Piranhas need free-flowing water. They don't live in lakes or reservoirs].

28. **Awards for bravery** will be introduced for any Cypriot anywhere in the world of any age including those that work for my emergency services. All bravery recommendations will be reviewed independently by a team abroad to avoid nepotism, for example if someone with influence proposes that their cousin be formally recognised for 'bravely' intervening when a chihuahua puppy barked at his cousin's visiting grandmother.
29. **Chess.** I decree chess be introduced to all children from age 7 at school. In the 2030s, I want my kingdom to have several internationally respected grand masters. A by-product of learning to play advanced chess is that it provides excellent training to future business leaders and politicians. For the latter, it teaches them why to make sacrifices, and if it all goes wrong, to resign and avoid further embarrassment.
30. **Compulsory land acquisition by the state.** If the state needs to build a road or pavement, a 20% premium to market value will be paid. Alternatively, it must buy a plot of equal value on the open market and transfer it at its expense. Councils often have a conflict of interest because they pay a percentage of the capital expenditure to improve roads through their villages and towns. Any attempts to artificially lower market value by, for example, influencing a lower taxable value beforehand will be treated as attempted fraud.
31. **Potholes on my roads and pavements.** American-style chain gangs using 100 selected volunteer inmates from the Nicosia/Lefkosia/Meatballs prison population (out of c700 persons total) will be used as labour to mend my roads and pavements. They will work for specialist companies that will be awarded contracts in total transparency. Physical chains will



not apply to prisoners who are deemed not to be a flight risk, or anyone guilty of a criminal offence undertaking community service.

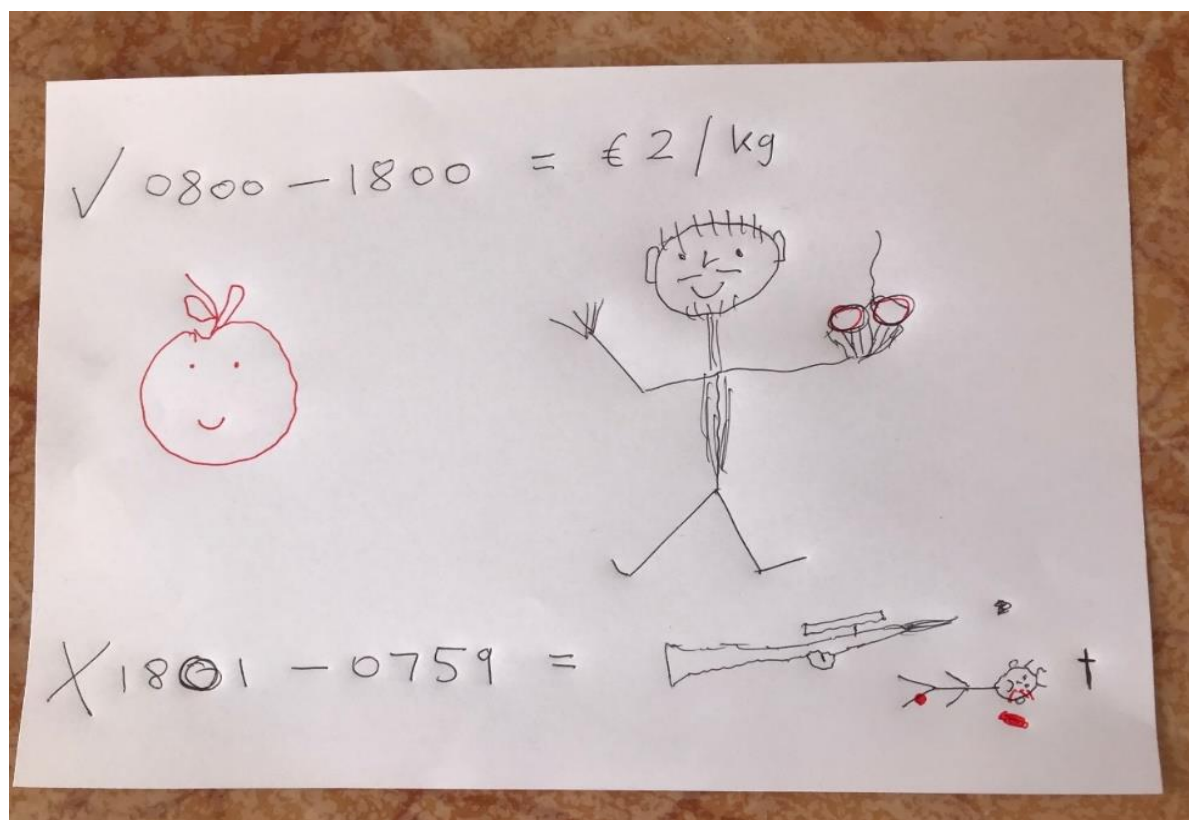
It is a **national disgrace that disabled persons in wheelchairs** cannot use many of my city pavements, let alone the damage to vehicles' suspension systems and tyres. The chain gangs will also assist in building the bridge over my reservoir. If they meet productivity and quality targets, most prisoners will be permitted to have 'conjugal' rights with their husbands, wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, or all of them, subject to one visitor at a time to avoid jealousy and for security and logistics reasons, and to avoid the prisoners being too tired to work the next day. They will also qualify for early release from prison with a small nest egg and be permitted to use basic mobile phones in prison under supervision as a treat.



Furthermore, if the EAC, CYTA, water department or anyone else wants to dig holes on my roads or block them resulting in detours, they must coordinate planned work on a central public system to avoid the issues currently faced: the EAC blocks a road resulting in traffic jams and then a few months later so does someone else. Unless this happens due to an emergency, in future the culprits will be sent to my open prison for a night as a punishment.

32. **Road diversion signs.** Whether it is a rural road or highway, diversion signs must be clearly shown from start to finish. Drivers are not mind readers. Village residents may know that they should obviously turn left at Mr Mario's goat farm, but tourists and non-local drivers do not. How many got lost trying to drive on the coast road between Larnaca/Larnaka/Halloumi airport and Mazotos due to poor diversion signs? I ended up in a field 10KM away twice. The managers of the contractor firms that disobey this decree will spend 40 hours hand-washing my taxis free of charge at my two airports.

33. **Fruit and vegetable wastage.** With people going hungry in the world and some families in my kingdom unable to make ends meet, why are fruit and vegetables allowed to rot in orchards and fields? Landowners and farmers could display 'Pick your own' signs. It will be up to the owner whether to kindly allow anyone who cannot afford it to have a free bag once a week or charge reasonable rates to allow anyone to weigh and pay. You will earn some extra money, help the community, delight children, and impress tourists. In fact, it could act as a unique selling point for families choosing Cyprus as a holiday destination. How quaint that Cyprus will have hundreds of places to pick your own fresh fruit. Use a sign similar to the one I drew below.

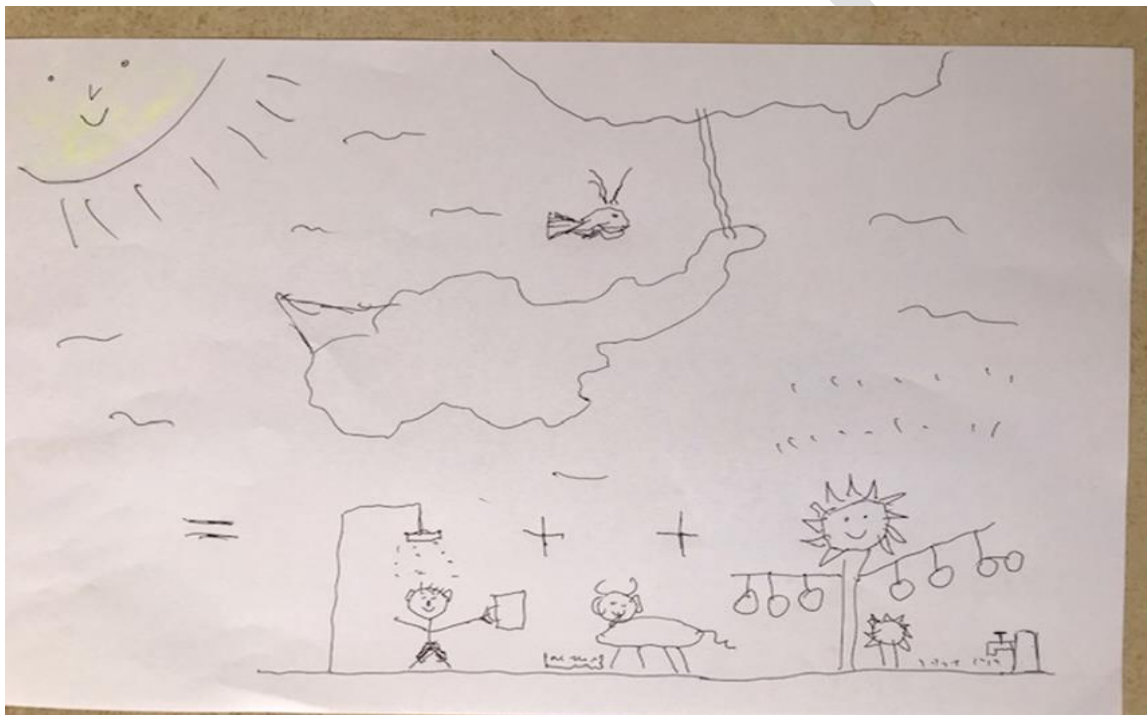


(Important legal note: I forbid shooting trespassers for stealing fruit overnight or threats to do so. The above is an example of a shot fired over a thief's head, who ran, tripped over, split his head on a rock, and sadly died. All school and university students are welcome to create a design for the sign, and a prize will be awarded for the winning entry in 2023. Consider snakes instead of the implied illegal use of a rifle, or show no warning at all.)

34. **Water management and droughts.** Cyprus' water is a valuable natural commodity. I am pleased with the department that looks after my reservoirs but extremely displeased with other aspects of Cyprus' water 'management'. Water is wasted throughout my kingdom due to lack of proper pipe maintenance, which is a crime against nature. Assuming they were all full at the time, in the unlikely event that all 330,000,000 cubic metres of Cyprus' reservoirs emptied in my garden because of a leak I was legally responsible for, it would cost me approximately €1,650,000,000. So, at €5/MT, Cyprus' water is clearly valuable in other ways. To be fair, the total €1.65 billion cost above would have been reduced by €10 if four children were living at my

property, and likely further reduced by 99.777% if I was related to someone important. All persons who read water meters must inform the property owner if they see the meter spinning like crazy, notice a leak, or if the water bill is much higher than usual. Those reading meters too lazy to do so, for example, turning the water off without telling anyone, will be FIRED.

By 8am on 142 (14/2/23) I decree an international team of experts recommend solutions with a report on my desk how to optimise my kingdom's water management. In parallel, using the precedent that 'TRNC'<sup>3</sup> buys my surplus electricity at certain times, I want to buy their water during droughts at a cost substantially less than energy-hungry desalination plants. This will be done by using surplus water from the water pipeline between Turkey and 'TRNC' built in 2015. I drew a map below.



I further decree a study be undertaken on how **cloud seeding using aeroplanes** west of my island can increase rainfall in the mountains. I want a report on my desk including a proof-of-concept project plan by 8am 14/2/23. Akrotiri base commander: I would like to borrow two of your military planes for this exercise. Finally, I decree that my 'piranha reservoir' always remains full so that my royal fish thrive.

35. **My first meeting with my council of ministers and president** will take place at 10am on 14/2/23 and be in the form of a summit that lasts 7 days. A giant virtual whiteboard will list all my decrees, laws, and edicts. These will be cross-referenced with new ones recommended by my subjects and ministers. Each one will be given categories based on (a) the level of complexity, (b) impact to my subjects if implementation is delayed, (c) the date the problem must be fixed by, (d) cost, and (e) the minister(s) assigned to them. (Memo to my staff:

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<sup>3</sup> Throughout the pseudo king's manifesto, the term 'TRNC' refers to the pseudo state's Turkish occupied areas.

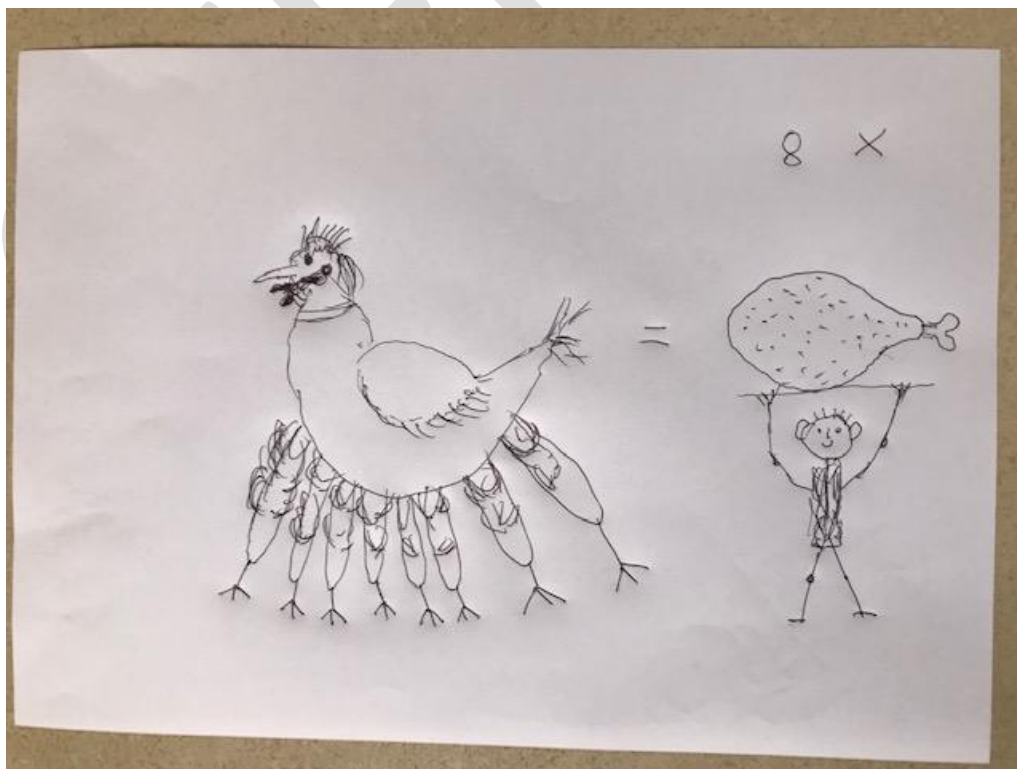
reschedule to 10:05am as I need to do my daily online check in case the EAC intends to carry out a planned interruption to my electricity supply.)

On 20/2/23, permanent secretaries will be invited to attend this meeting to be given instructions. Their new title will be 'general manager of' as the word 'permanent' implies I cannot remove any of them from office in future for whatever reason I deem fit. However, some could be promoted to ministers.

Weekly meetings will take place every Thursday at 10:05am to monitor progress. My subjects will be given weekly updates in Greek and English via a publicly available central government website.

One morning every four weeks, using a rota system, all ministers and 'permanent' secretaries in **disguise** will pretend they are ordinary citizens trying to do basic everyday functions via government offices, phone, or email. For actual visits, cross dressing is optional, but I suggest anyone pretending to be a woman shaves their beard off first. They will see for themselves what my subjects endure daily.

36. **My R&D centres of excellence.** Within 5 years I expect and require that my kingdom be a global centre for biotech, DNA, and genetics research. I invite KFC USA to invest in a Cyprus start-up that strives to create genetically modified chickens with eight giant legs. People all over the world will be able to painlessly pull a leg off for a delicious, 'arm lickin' good' King Andronicos Octo-chicken™ with the legs growing back after a few months. Study starfish. Ensure these chickens lead a happy life until they grow old and are turned into our yaya's legendary chicken soup. A by-product will be to feed families worldwide that are not vegetarian.



[Andronicos the author: I doubt Cyprus' Animal Party will be impressed.]

37. **Jobs and wealth for everyone. My subjects are entrepreneurial.** Who will be the first to have my royal emblem on merchandise and stickers in shops island wide within weeks?

[Andronicos the author: our pseudo king appears to be an expert merchandiser. He should work for Disney or the Star Wars franchise]

38. **My pharmacies.** Effective from 14/2/23 I decree that all pharmacies will display their opening hours, when they are closed for lunch, and when they are closed for holiday breaks over Christmas, Easter, and summer. This must be done in Greek and English. Have you ever experienced a painful tooth abscess and been given a prescription for antibiotics only to discover that every pharmacist in the area is closed because it's the village saint's day? Have you stood outside for half an hour thinking it was closed for lunch but actually the rural pharmacy decided to close the whole of Easter week without telling anyone? I accept there are resources online in Greek, but they are never kept up to date and only show overnight hours. Thus, all pharmacists are instructed to show the above on their doors. Disobedience of this decree will result in a one-night stay in my open prison.

39. **Technology training and 'Yaya v2.0'.** By 2025 I decree most of my subjects must be technology literate. Industry partners will supply the training at the state's expense.

Cypriot grandmothers run our families as matriarchs. They are very smart and think outside the box. The brightest yayas under 95 years of age will be taught Agile and Scrum methodologies, ITIL best practice, PMP project management, and how to program Java, Python, and HTML. Based on the thousands of jobs my decrees will create, the new start-up companies I will help incubate, and the many international technology organisations relocating to my kingdom, I don't want to run out of trained computer specialists. Our grandmothers need not worry about workload. All boys aged 14 or over will do the gourmet cooking and cleaning for large family parties. They will all learn how to cook at school.

[Andronicos the author: I pity our poor Cypriot yayas.]

40. **Cyprus' banks** since the 2013 financial crisis can be historically categorised as good, dodgy, bad, or totally broke. They now hold assets ranging from grade 'A' to toxic, similar to the grading of chickens at my open prison's supermarket. My message to current Cyprus banks is simple: reduce your bank charges now, provide better customer service now, and get your act together now. My subjects and their businesses are not cash cows to be milked just because previous executives at some Cyprus banks made some totally stupid investment decisions. From 14/2/23 any major bank based in Cyprus is forbidden to charge customers of another Cyprus bank for ATM use. You are all closing branches, so obey this decree.

41. **Cyprus Post and courier firms.** All my postal boxes, currently yellow, will be painted in my emblem's colour blue with a big yellow smiley face. This is because of the future excellent service Cyprus Post will provide under my rule. **Commercial yellow drones** will be used to deliver mail and couriered documents to certain remote locations. These drones can also look for fires in parallel to the ones used by my fire services.

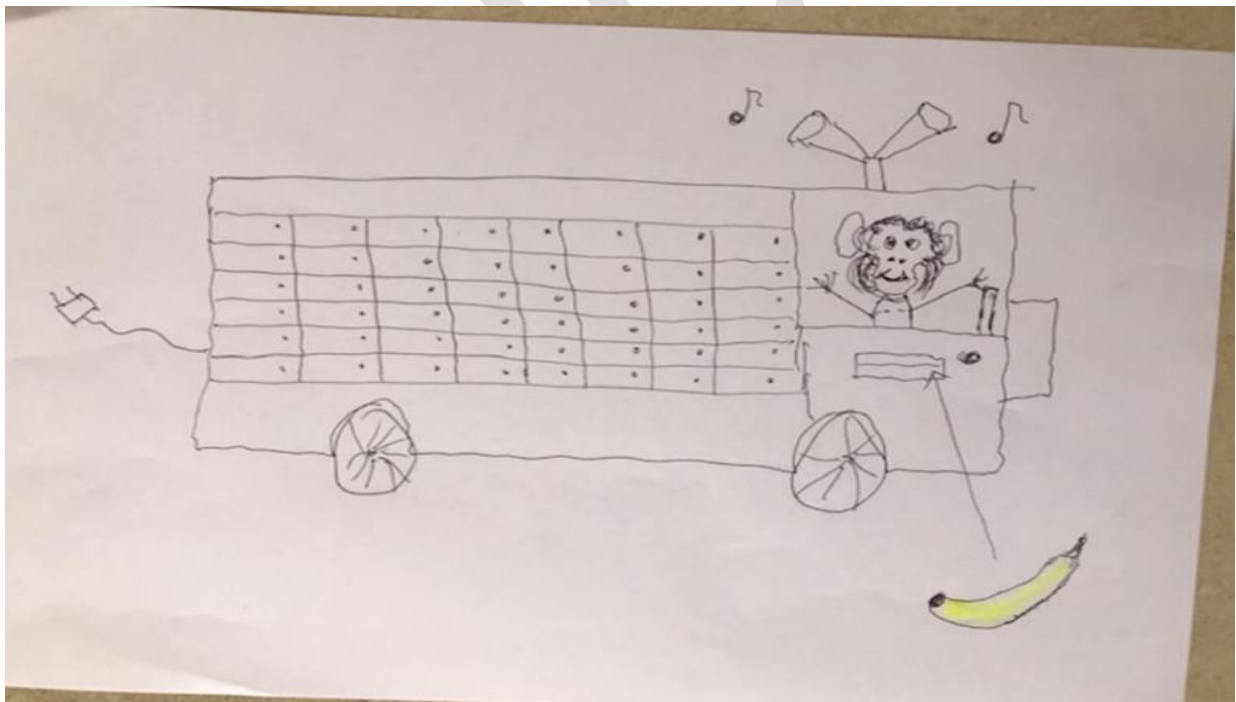


I require my clever graduates to design a self-driving electric van in partnership with Tesla that will deliver daily post and couriered documents to remote village properties. It is ridiculous that courier firms do not generally deliver to villages, yet still charge extremely high rates compared to abroad.

Each van will be a mobile version of the green post boxes normally found stuck to a wall in village centres. For 4 mornings a week, monkeys will sit in the vans and be trained to press a button upon arrival at a village property to play music similar to ice cream vans. It will be nice to occasionally give the monkey a treat, for example a delicious banana grown in Paphos/Pafos/Tzatziki District. Village mayors and councillors will take care of the monkeys overnight on a rota system and feed them in the afternoons and evenings.

The remaining 3 days they will be automatically driven to an enclosed area in the Troodos near Platres so they can play and mate with their friends. (I am referring to the monkeys not the village councillors.) If this proof of concept is shown to be impractical or the monkeys appear unhappy, the village postman can control the electric van and music remotely using a dashcam camera.

[Memo note to my staff: arrange a video call with Elon Musk, Tesla's CEO in March 2023. Remind me to ask him for yet-to-be-designed Tesla limos for government officials in my kingdom. They should be provided free of charge based on the global publicity I have just generated for Tesla.]



[Andronicos the author: our pseudo king must be insane. Where will he get the monkeys from? How will the village mayors move the monkeys into the vans every morning without getting bitten? What if a monkey runs away? What if the animal party persuades the monkeys to join a union and they demand money, pensions, and other benefits? There must be a current Cyprus law our pseudo king can be arrested for, just for suggesting this idiotic decree.]



42. **Minimum ages.** The minimum age of consent for some Cyprus dinosaur politicians will be increased from 17 to 120 years as they should be classified as mentally immature minors. To be elected as a deputy of the House of Representatives or mayor, the age will be reduced to 13 years, subject to a letter from both parents or guardians. To rent one of those extremely annoying, polluting, noisy quad bikes or buggies often seen causing traffic jams in Paphos/Pafos/Tzatziki and Ayia Napa, the minimum age will be increased to 90 years subject to a letter from both parents.

As a side point, I want a report on my desk by 8am 14/2/23 on how adorable two-seater donkeys can be hired by tourists instead of buggies. These will be one-way rentals, so I want donkey 'car' parks in strategic seaside locations. The state will earn all the advertising revenue displayed on the donkeys' hats and saddles. Advice to my farmers: grow more carrots. New agriculture minister: coordinate logistics.

[Andronicos the author: How about making the minimum age to become a pseudo king 7,000 years old?]

43. **My green environmental decrees.** I expect and require an interim report on my desk by 8am 14/2/23 providing solutions from experts with brains the size of planets and PhDs coming out of their ears on how to implement the following edicts.....

.....Explain how my reservoir can be environmentally heated or cooled to between 24.5° and 28.5° C so that my royal piranhas thrive. Or should I have my fish genetically modified further?

I further decree all my ministers use public transport instead of government cars for one day a month until these edicts are implemented. Optionally they may use state-provided donkeys between government offices within the city of Nicosia/Lefkosa/Meatballs.

44. **Unions.** I will not jail union leaders as I am NOT a tyrant or despot. Strikes will remain legal and subject to current laws with one exception. If a public sector union wants to call a strike, its leader must swim across my reservoir with two strings of expired, **smelly Cyprus sausages** tied to each of his ankles. If done successfully, the strike can go ahead subject to a formal vote by the union's members...

[Andronicos the author: Oh dear. I don't think that will go down well with the public sector unions. I doubt our pseudo king will be invited to their daughters' weddings.]

45. **My public sector reforms.** The public sector will be run like a commercial business. Top performers will get generous pay rises. In March 2023, I expect and require the heads of the public sector unions to meet with me at my palace to discuss my decrees involving their members. Bring your swimming costumes in case you plan to go for a swim in my piranha reservoir. But why would you? Based on the amazing pay rises and productivity bonuses your union members will enjoy in the future, you will want to hug your king.

46. **How my citizen-facing public sector employees will earn bonuses.** They will all deal with members of the public as if they are working for a commercial organisation's customer service department. The following are examples of how to act. It is a list of some common-sense recommendations rather than specific edicts. It will increase the possibility to earn quarterly bonuses by ensuring my subjects get excellent customer service, which will generate high marks in email and SMS questionnaires by members of the public. And my kingdom will be transformed.

- a) Wear your name badges with pride. Always state your name on the phone and in emails. Be accountable. Be responsible. You will not be FIRED for getting something wrong.
- b) Do not give the sort of look reserved for someone who has accidentally run over your cat.
- c) Do not treat customers like 'Carol' treats her hospital patient on the comedy series 'Little Britain.' (Watch 2-minute English. Warning: adult language [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0n\\_Ty\\_72Qds](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0n_Ty_72Qds) )
- d) Never, ever, ever tell my subjects to hurry up because there's a large call queue waiting.
- e) Always smile but don't be too friendly. For example, blowing kisses could be misconstrued as flirting or sarcasm.
- f) Use a friendly tone, for example, *'Good morning, my dear customer. My name is **Aphrodite**. How may I be of service to you today? May I get you a coffee, or small tippie of Zivania and a slice of baklava as you appear distressed?'*
- g) If face to face, have a very big smile that meets at the back of your ears. Learn from the professionalism of airline cabin crews.
- h) Never give a look implying my subjects are stupid for filling in a form wrong or visiting your office in error. It's probably because your department's website was badly designed by someone unqualified who got the job 40 years ago because they knew someone important.

Most of the above will not apply to my courts, my police force, my national guard, or similar. Clearly, my police officers cannot be friendly to someone they are about to beat up, arrest, or interrogate. Nor can one of my judges who is about to send someone to jail for 10 years.

Public service employees' supervisors and managers: keep a log of what questions are regularly being asked in face-to-face meetings, emails, or phone calls with members of the public, starting today. The most common questions must be regularly updated on government departmental websites.

Practise your customer service skills on one another, so you are ready on 142 (14/2/23). Try it out on your supervisors and managers. Remember, don't make kissing gestures. The above bonuses exclude the efficiency and cost savings ones to be awarded to most of you.

[Andronicos the author: In a few paragraphs, our pseudo king has enraged the entire public sector's 80,000 staff. In USA government buildings they show a large portrait of their president. In the UK it's their king. In Cyprus our pseudo king's portrait will be used for shooting practice and darts.]

47. **Key impact messages to attract visitors and companies to my kingdom.**

Based on my previous decrees, I require international digital advertising campaigns to be co-ordinated by CIPA, my deputy minister of tourism, and my other ministries with the following key messages:

1. *'Want a new husband? Then gift your current one a facelift, nose job and cosmetic dentistry instead. Visit Cyprus for an all-inclusive medical package and free holiday'.*
2. *'Safe beaches, clean seas, excellent drone-assisted lifeguards: visit Cyprus'.*
3. *'Delicious food: visit Cyprus'.*
4. *'Great nature walks and mountains: visit Cyprus'.*
5. *'Pick your own fresh fruit and vegetables with your family: visit Cyprus'.*
6. *'Enjoy feeding crocodiles and piranhas? Visit Cyprus'.*
7. *'Want to see our working, pampered, feral cats and happy village delivery monkeys? Visit Cyprus'.*
8. *'Want to see beautiful villages? Visit Cyprus'.*
9. *'Want to visit amazing UNESCO sites? Visit Cyprus. Remember to include Lefkara on your tour and see with your own eyes our world-famous Lefkara embroidery ladies as they work'.*
10. *'Are you an American in need of medicines that cost a fortune in the USA? Visit Cyprus for a free holiday. Make an appointment with our expert doctors for prescriptions, and our knowledgeable pharmacists will fill your case with what you need for a year'.*
11. *'Fed up with paying high prices for rental cars? Visit Cyprus and rent its adorable donkeys'.*
12. *'Run an international NGO or charity? Cyprus is your new base. Talk to someone today'.*
13. *'Senior executive of a multinational company? Arrange a **free** visit as a guest of the government'.*
14. *'Need a multi-lingual workforce with brains the size of planets? Cyprus is the place. Talk to us now'.*
15. *'Need an R&D centre of excellence? Use Cyprus' graduates and its subsidised technology parks'.*
16. *'Want to see some cheeky wallabies in beautiful forests? Visit Cyprus'.*
17. *'Are you an influencer, financial markets trader, or digital nomad? Move to Cyprus'.*
18. *'Are you wealthy? Move to Cyprus, save gazillions in tax, and potentially pay no inheritance tax'.*
19. *'Visiting Cyprus to feed pigeons? Don't. Try our new pigeon souvlaki and birdwatching instead.'*

Each of the above digital adverts will link to more information with agents on standby via online chat 24x7 and phone support 0800-2000 to service calls worldwide. I expect a report on my desk by 8am 14/2/23 followed by a meeting 28 days later with stakeholders and government ministries.

[Andronicos the author: ..... and let's add number 20) ... *'Stay anywhere you choose in Cyprus and borrow any car without charge. There are thousands of cars abandoned at airports and ports. And plenty of empty beds, rooms, and houses because everyone fled the country when our pseudo king royal clown came to power on 142 (14/02/2023).'*]

48. **The European Union next, then the world.** On a date I will choose in future, **I will become Emperor of the European Union** as that too needs fixing. I have several thousand decrees ready, and that's only on how to slash bureaucracy and save costs. If the British public had known about my cunning plan in 2016, the Brexit vote would have likely been 99.777% against leaving the EU. Even if some of my decrees possibly break EU laws on state aid, I believe temporary exceptions can be negotiated with the EU as a by-product of a Cyprus settlement.

After I become emperor of the EU, I expect a formal apology and compensation from the current **Italian government** on behalf of their prior one from 2,000+ years ago. Our false gods from ancient Greece were **stolen** and renamed as false ancient Roman gods. Furthermore, its ancient pseudo government conquered Greece which I find extremely annoying. Someone must **pay**. I'll accept Sicily, but it must form part of Cyprus via a bicommunal bizonal government I will rule. All Sicilians must learn Greek in 100 days and every cat spray-painted with a halloumi advert. It will also become law that all Sicilian pizzas must be served with pigeon toppings.

After I've finished repairing the EU, I'll become **ruler of the world**, as that needs urgent fixing.

[Andronicos the author: May God help the EU. Current members: 27 countries. Future members: 1 country, population ONE person (our pseudo king), and 3,000,000,000 feral cats. The EU's population would flee on boats and dinghies to claim asylum in Turkey, Africa, and the Middle East.

If our pseudo king visited Rome now, there would be thousands of Italians lining the streets to throw pigeon eggs and pizza at him. As for ruling the world, there would be a sticky note on the UN's front door, *'Dear aliens, we've all moved to Venus. Kindly water the plants and feed our cats.'*]

49. **My licensed taxi drivers** will be permitted to place the royal announcement below on or in their vehicles in a legal way. I command petrol stations in my kingdom have ample stocks.

Αγαπητέ επισκέπτη,

Καλωσόρισες στο βασίλειό μου. Θερμές ευχαριστίες για την επιλογή των αδειοδοτημένων οδηγών ταξί της χώρας μου, πάντα φιλικοί, ευγενείς και φιλόξενοι. Θα παρακαλούσα όπως το φιλοδώρημά σας ανέρχεται σε **15%** της αξίας του ταξιδιού, αν έχετε τη δυνατότητα. Ακόμη περισσότερο αν ο/η οδηγός μεταφέρει τις αποσκευές σας ή σας δροσίσει με ένα μπουκαλάκι νερό, ιδιαίτερα σε μια ζεστή καλοκαιρινή μέρα. Θα σας παρακαλούσα θερμά να **μην** ταΐζετε τα περιστέρια. Σας εύχομαι υπέροχη διαμονή στο νησί μου.

Dear visitor,

Welcome to my kingdom. Thank you for using one of my licensed taxi drivers, who are courteous and friendly. Please consider giving your driver at least **15%** as a tip. Even more if you are given a small bottle of water on a hot day as an act of kindness, or s/he carries your luggage. Please **do not** feed any pigeons. Have a wonderful time on my island.



ΑΝΔΡΟΝΙΚΟΣ, ΒΑΣΙΛΕΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ  
ANDRONICOS, KING OF CYPRUS

[Andronicos the author: but there won't be any taxi drivers. They would have fled Cyprus on 142 (14/2/2023). Does our pseudo king have no shame with his attempts to merchandise?]

## 50. My final 'decree' as 'Sultan' is a direct message to 'TRNC'

My final decree is a direct message to 'TRNC's' political leaders... **Replace** the 'TRNC' 'flag' on Mount Beşparmak with my emblem so the whole of Lefkoşa and the world will see it as a willingness to negotiate with innovative ideas. Even better will be for Türkiye to show its goodwill by flying my emblem at the top of the new Turkish presidential complex in Ankara **now**, out of gleeful excitement of my 2027 royal visit when my new Cyprus embassy will be inaugurated. Mr Tatar, you are currently the 'president' of 'TRNC' and of the Turkish Cypriot community, and I am the 'Sultan', so let's meet for lunch at the UN buffer zone. I'll pay 81.4% of the restaurant bill and you can pay 18.6%. If this first meeting goes well, I'll instruct the newly elected president to organise another meeting with you in **July 2023**.

[Andronicos the author: it's somewhat ironic that the pseudo 'king' is addressing the pseudo 'president' of the pseudo 'state'.]

*So let it be written. So let it be done.*

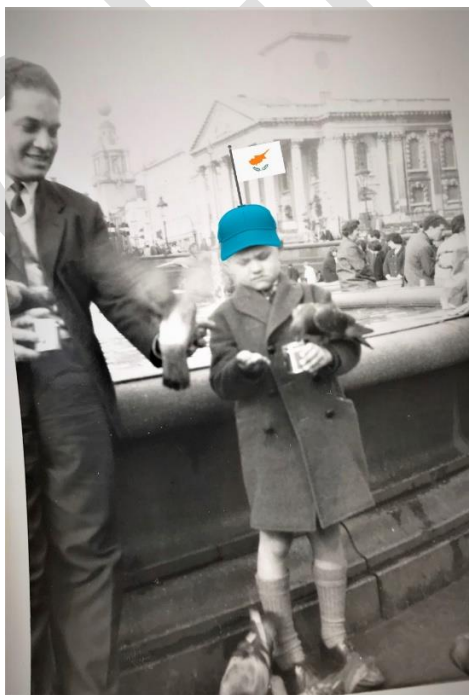
[Andronicos the author: 'So let it be written. So let it be mocked. So let it be deleted'.]

*Humbly,*

*Andronicos, King and 'Sultan' of Cyprus*



[Andronicos the author: '.....and Chief Clown of Cyprus, the EU, the World, the galaxy, the universe, and the multiverse.' I am so relieved this pseudo king clown has no more decrees]



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## Addendum: Symbolism used in the pseudo king's decrees and disclaimers

Within the pseudo king's manifesto, satire, symbolism, and humour were used. This section explains some of the less obvious ones, with additional background commentary. The numbering below reflects the decree number.

Please cross-reference the satirical 'decrees' with my presidential manifesto pledges.

1 – 3: My official emblem of power. Changes to the Cyprus Constitution, the new president

The pseudo king does not appear to respect the rule of law (other than his own), nor does he respect the principle of democracy (even 'benevolent' dictators do not), or human rights. If elected president, I would be the exact opposite. Furthermore, this is satirical symbolism used to show that Cyprus needs a strong president, not one that panders to special interest groups nor is a puppet for a particular political party's agenda.

4. My ministers and deputy ministers

All satirical except the named grade 'A' ministers who I highly respect. There is only one minister I would grade 'D' today; however, I have not named him or her. My criticisms throughout the pseudo king's manifesto are against Cyprus' broken system that urgently needs fixing, and not against specific individuals.

6. My parliament

This is mainly satirical symbolism. Today, some good laws don't get passed, while some bad laws do after the main political parties negotiate with each other. Often, there is pandering to special interest groups while suffering from 'not-invented-here' syndrome. A party that comes up with a good idea is often rejected by the other parties, because they didn't think of it first.

Most members of political parties (or those that vote for them) are intelligent, decent people. So how and why do some ridiculous laws get proposed such as major supermarkets closing on Sundays to protect the interests of small supermarkets, or the new business professional tax levied on all Cyprus' companies by municipalities?

I wish to make clear I do not believe witch hunts or trials by the media have a place in a civilised society. As such, I used the image of Cyprus' ex-president of the house of representatives currently facing trial, in support of **his fundamental right of being innocent until proven guilty**. Let the courts decide after hearing all the evidence. Members of the public and the media do not know all the facts.

8. Pride in our heritage

A satirical way of explaining that all English place names should be spelt one way. It is a matter of national pride and respect. For the record, I hold the village mayor and council of Finikaria in the highest esteem. Based on my experiences, its leadership should serve as a role model for how a Cyprus village ought to be run. The pseudo king was not making fun of Finikaria or Emba, or their leadership.



### 9. My new 'open' prison

A satirical way of showing strong executive leadership is needed in Cyprus. If I was president, I would **not** build a 7-day maximum-stay concentration camp, surrounded by crocodiles! What I have proposed in my presidential manifesto is that an open prison be built to ease overcrowding at Nicosia central prison.

### 10. Bird traps

Cyprus lags behind on animal cruelty laws and enforcement. Current laws and enforcement must be strengthened. Animals that are killed to feed should be treated humanely. I have nothing against hunting for food.

### 11. Pigeons

In the manifesto, **pigeons** are a symbol for hate. White **doves**, peace. Feeding culled pigeons to the king's piranhas and crocodiles is to dispose of hate.

### 12. Access to your king, and feral cats

A good president should be accessible to members of the public via his or her team. Today, emails to the president's office are often ignored assuming they are even read. A monthly 'clinic' should be implemented whereby citizens that ask will be selected to have a direct face-to-face meeting or video call. This could be manned by part-time interns filtering via a chain of command. However, a deeper meaning applies to this decree: just because the state can earn income in innovative ways such as using feral cats to advertise beer, cars, or halloumi, does not mean it should. Example: the Cyprus **passports-for-cash scandal**.

### 13. Motoring

A symbolism of the culture of us Cypriot drivers. Tailgating, speeding, not switching headlights on, and avoiding the use of indicators should be subject to stricter penalties. Driving under the influence of alcohol (say, 50-80+ mg) or drugs (any amount) should carry **mandatory** driving bans. It will lessen accidents and deaths on our roads. [Personal disclosure confession: I have collected a few speeding tickets in Cyprus and internationally over the last 45+ years. To the best of my recollection, there was no passenger in my car giving birth at the time.]

### 14. Disabled parking misuse

If this became law, few would illegally park in disabled spaces. It would also earn the state income, and optional additional income for those with disabilities. Refer to my presidential manifesto for how I plan to help those with disabilities.

### 16. Electricity supply and the EAC

If elected president, the EAC would be totally rewired without giving an electric shock to its staff.

#### 17. Road signs

If there were 100 versions of 'drive on the left' signs using images rather than words, all designed by children, it would get the point across, raise a smile, lessen accidents, and some residents and tourists would want to take photos of all of them, increasing income for some rural areas.

#### 19. Graffiti and football hooliganism

The graffiti symbolism is literal. Offenders should be punished by having to remove graffiti. Caveat: some graffiti is artistic; however, it should be authorised by the village or town. Hooliganism is unacceptable in football or any sport. The love of sport should unify.

My 'advert' for our national rugby team is genuine. It will be great if our passionate football club supporters **united** together to support the 'Mighty Mouflons'.

<https://www.facebook.com/CyprusRugby/>. Next game Cyprus Vs Israel 12 November in Paphos.

#### 24. Crete will form part of my realm.

This is clearly satirical and absurd. It shows my stance on a bizonal bicomunal government 50 years after the invasion being a realistic possibility. At least Crete and Cyprus have a common culture and language. And references to Australians having to use government websites written in Greek is sarcastic. Most visitors, 30% of Cyprus' residents including international companies, do not read Greek properly. Government websites are never kept up to date nor translated properly.

#### 25. Anti-corruption measures

If additional layers of oversight were done abroad, corruption or perceived corruption would be minimised.

#### 27. My Yermasogeia Reservoir

A satirical mysterious decree until the one on public sector unions is read. (Decree 44)

#### 29. Chess

**This 'decree' certainly applies to me.** If I was elected president, which would border on a miracle from God, I would do so on a promise: that if by the May 2026 parliamentary elections at the latest I could not fulfil my key manifesto pledges, I would **resign** out of embarrassment and call early elections.

One point to add, which I hope will never apply to me, relates to **sacrifice**. In modern history, those influential in making peace deals or speaking up for justice sometimes got murdered. For example, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr, Prime Minister Rabin, and President Sadat. **I'm prepared to take the risk to my safety and already have, by publishing my radical blueprints for solving the Cyprus problem in my presidential manifesto.**

#### 36. My R&D centres of excellence

The eight-legged chicken is a broad metaphor. I have VC seed capital experience. The perfect scenario is that Cyprus start-up companies could create jobs, valuable future intellectual property

or patents, generally using other people's money and certainly not the state's. Refer to my presidential manifesto.

### 38. My pharmacies

Many pharmacies do not show when they close for lunch or vacations. As a point of fact, this also applies to some rural shops. To this day, I'm confused when half-day opening is. If I'm confused, so are tourists that rented a village property and popped out to buy some fruit or a bottle of wine. Such lack of foresight by rural shops is sloppy. It takes 5 minutes to draw a sign on a door showing opening hours, lunch times, and another stating 'closed Easter week'.

### 39. Technology training and 'Yaya v2.0'

Our grandmothers under the age of 95 learning to program computers and manage IT projects is clearly satirical. However, my presidential manifesto proposes ways all pensioners can be given training and equipment to become digitally empowered.

### 41. Cyprus Post and courier firms

Firstly, to be clear: This satirical manifesto in Greek and English is for the Cypriot electorate. In Cypriot culture a **monkey** generally means naughty or cheeky. It has no racial overtones as far as I am aware. On the subject of animal slurs, in Cyprus, to call a fellow Cypriot a donkey will get a worse reaction than calling a British woman a cow to her face. The monkey driving a postal van is totally coincidental. It could have been a bus. Furthermore, I know some of Cyprus Post's senior management team and highly respect them. I also know village postmen, one for many years.

Thus, the monkey is a symbol that the cheapest tenders to supply goods and services to villages, municipalities, semi-government entities, or the state could have hidden costs. For example, you may have to feed the monkey or replace the monkey when it doesn't perform as hoped. **If you pay peanuts, you get a monkey.** A good example is the badly designed websites, ill thought-out procedures, and ridiculous government forms we are forced to use. It is only recently that qualified IT project managers took control of digital transformation projects. If Cyprus was a commercial organisation today, it would likely lose most of its customers.

Furthermore, this section is an example why in my presidential manifesto, I propose awarding government contracts over a certain value should ultimately be reviewed by trusted persons **abroad**. Currently when buying goods, for example printer paper or road signs, it's fine for a municipality to choose the cheapest. However, for services, cheapest isn't best. By having this additional layer of oversight, corruption is minimised, and the best supplier will get the contract, not the cheapest. It is for these reasons that none of my companies have ever bothered to offer services in Cyprus via tender. I allege, one must know someone important, or provide the cheapest offer. I have absolutely no trust in the system whatsoever, despite my companies having some of the largest organisations in the world as customers and having undertaken projects for the EU itself.

### 44. Unions

Swimming with piranhas is obviously satirical. The public sector in many wealthy countries gets paid less than the private sector. In Cyprus it's generally the other way around. Job creation is the key to

improving the economy. It is feasible that in a future wealthy Cyprus, the government could have trouble filling public sector jobs without substantial pay rises. Regardless, a strong president should work with the unions in a symbiotic partnership, rather than 'them' and 'us'. My presidential manifesto proposes unions should be part of departmental management teams.

47. Key impact messages to attract visitors and companies to my kingdom

Some points are satirical; however, budgets for digital outreach should be substantially increased.

50. My final 'decree' as 'Sultan' is a direct message to 'TRNC'

Refer to the presidential manifesto's radical proposal for the Cyprus problem for the symbolism of splitting the restaurant bill 81.4%/18.6%. Furthermore, **July 2023** is in bold because the Turkish presidential elections are in June. Until then, 'TRNC' and Turkey will take a very hard-line stance on the Cyprus problem. I hope things will change afterwards; however, it depends on who is elected.

### Other symbolism

**Aphrodite**, the fictitious government employee named in decree 46 and the name of the king's virtual **cat** in the EAC decree 16, represents all public sector employees having the **passion** to serve the public with better customer service.

**Donkeys** represent good old-fashioned customer service, fair prices, and friendliness, so tourists return again and again.

'**Pigs** can fly' is clearly sarcastic. However, as shown in the drawing, a deeper meaning relates to our historic Cyprus tradition of hunting. Without causing offence to vegetarians and animal lovers, my personal opinion, as opposed to a political or religious one, is we have the right to humanely kill animals, birds, and fish for food. And humanely dispose of vermin. Furthermore, if there was an environmental, military, or natural disaster that risked food supply, experienced hunters could help our families survive.

**Crocodiles** and **piranhas** are symbols that we Greek Cypriots view Turks and Turkish Cypriots as untrustworthy and as a possible **danger**. And that's how they view us. For obvious reasons, I would never swim with crocodiles or piranhas, nor have a lion as a pet.

If my radical approach to the Cyprus problem as described in my presidential manifesto eventually results in a settlement with tens of billions of euros in compensation, I hope that this fear, or perhaps even 'hate', between our two communities will eventually be transformed into mutual respect.

A final thought. Imagine it's 1945 and a politician from a country that had suffered Nazi atrocities suggested Germany and Japan could one day become trading partners, friends, and allies. In 1945 he would have been treated with contempt, ridiculed, and possibly even labelled a traitor.

There are other hidden messages within this whole document and satirical manifesto when compared to my presidential manifesto. Look carefully. **Can you find them?**

## Concluding remarks from the author

This satirical manifesto was aimed at those who find politics boring, especially the younger disillusioned generation who see no point in voting at Cyprus' elections because they believe all politicians and political parties are a bunch of clowns who feast from the same table.

I have used satire and humour to get my serious ideas read and discussed, as political manifestos are usually boring, full of wishy-washy hyperbole, and often shown to be fictitious after an election is won.

My pseudo king's criticisms of the way the public sector is managed is not aimed at the 95%+ of its staff who do their very best and undertake the job they are told to do. It is aimed at those who have had the authority to transform the public sector for years by adapting working practices but have failed to do so. And it is aimed at the tiny minority who talk down to citizens, despite being public **servants**. Commercial organisations would never act in this way to their customers.

Although I share the same first name, I am clearly not a king, as this character is a virtual one that I have extensively mocked. I believe all Cypriots are the king or queen of Cyprus and jointly control our country's destiny. There is no Kingdom of Cyprus; **that kingdom is within us and around us**.

I hope that those in power or seeking power will **look at themselves in a mirror daily** and do what's best for our country rather than their political parties or themselves. **I am frankly sick and tired** of our allegedly corrupt political system rather than the individual politicians in it. In Cyprus today, unless you have wealth or know someone important, opportunities are limited.

No offence was intended by my crazy pseudo king's assertive style. Regardless, the key question is: *'How would **you** rule Cyprus with empathy if **you** had absolute power?'*

In conclusion, the new political party I plan to form is provisionally named 142.CY in memory of the 14 February date the pseudo king planned to fix Cyprus. Nearly all his 'decrees' symbolise how I plan to 'fix' Cyprus with your help if I am elected president. Please [read my official presidential manifesto to learn more](#). It includes a radical new approach to the Cyprus problem.

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Within my pseudo king's manifesto, the term 'Greek Cypriot' generally includes minorities such as Latin, Armenian and Maronite Cypriots. **No allegations of corruption past or present against individuals, political parties, or others have been made in this work**. If there are minor discrepancies between the Greek and English manifestos, the English version is the most accurate.

A Cyprus **art gallery** is sought to display my 'amazing' artwork out of **pity**, but the Tate Modern London, Louvre Paris, or a famous USA one is preferred!

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