The Principles of the Union Platform

1. The Union Platform is a union, founded in order to protect and develop democratic, social and employee personal rights of the labour organizations. To this path, it aims “self-government of the community” by eliminating the problem of representation of the political will. The platform does not aim to be government.

2. The struggle of the Union Platform does not have any room for any organizations or political parties which trigger or support the practices that aim social catastrophe and vanishing. Ex: Those who support “Immigration Law”.

3. The Union Platform gives full support to the immediate solution of the Cyprus Problem within the parameters of the UN resolutions, and Turkish Cypriots’ position in the international arena.

4. Turkish Cypriots will of self government should be respected.

5. The relationship between Turkey and Turkish Cypriots should be grounded on mutual respect and equality of political will. A relation which is oriented as “giving order-taking order” should be ended.

6. Turkish Cypriots have the potential, skills and knowledge for governing their own institutions. Relying on this fact, the administration of the Central Bank, Civil Defence Organization and Security Force Command should be handed over to the Turkish Cypriots; the police and fire departments should be engaged in civil administration.

7. The UBP (National Unity Party) is obeying all the impositions and pressure of the AKP Government in Turkey, just for the sake of staying in the government. Moreover, UBP is making MP transfers immorally and it has handed over the political will of the Turkish Cypriots to the AKP in Turkey. With its practices, UBP has been driving the Turkish Cypriot community to destruction and it is behaving as an enemy of the community by its wrong collaboration.

8. The Union Platform, - in the struggle of taking back the political will which is handed over to the Turkish Republic authorities; is expecting the parties in the government to support all actions unless the government take steps forward to be more effective. The actions may also include drawing back from the parliament.

9. The authorities of the Turkish Republic should give up interfering with our internal affairs. They should give an end to the practice of “shadow cabinet” under the name of advisors. The interference of the Turkish Republic Aid Commission to the decisions of the political will should be ended. The practices of financial aid should be introduced as projects, practiced through the Turkish Cypriot authorities and the biddings should be in Cyprus.

10. Within the frame of the protocols with the Turkish Republic, politically- motivated economic packet which is imposed to the Turkish Cypriots and is absolutely inappropriate in terms of economic, social and cultural structure of the Turkish Cypriots should be stopped immediately. The regulations should be eliminated.

11. Under the name of “privatization”, the public spheres of the Turkish Cypriots have been taken away from them. These practices should be ended immediately. The authoritative decisions about the functioning and future of these constitutions belong to Turkish Cypriots.

12. False citizenship distributions in our country which distracts the social, economic and cultural structure and hinder the political will of the Turkish Cypriots should be eliminated. There should be a population census under the inspection of international observers and the illicit population should be sent away. Entering the country with Identity Cards should be eliminated and the entries to the country should be under control.

13. The working conditions of the private sector labourers who work in inhumane conditions should be restored. The ILO Conventions should be practiced in our country in terms of public and private sectors.