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A. Mavroyiannis at the EPLO

"Many people believe that Greek Cypriot's side negotiating arguments are not that strong at the moment because of the financial crisis that has hit Cyprus too. I can reassure that there will not be any half solution. The Cyprus issue will either be totally resolved or not at all, not even now".

This is what the Greek-Cypriot's side negotiator, the Ambassador Mr Andreas Mavroyiannis mentioned during a conference that took place on November 21st at the EPLO headquarters in the center of Athens.

"The negotiations have frozen from our part at the moment because of Turkish provocative actions at the Cypriotic EEZ. Mr. Eroglou is probably content with that development, accusing us of the delay. Nevertheless, Cyprus had no other choice, since Turkey has not respected the international law".

Mr. Mavroyiannis is optimistic that the negotiations- that have been taking place for more than 50 years- will restart and Cyprus as an EU member-state will accept no non compatible solution to the European acquis, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, European citizenship etc.

The conference, titled "The issue of Cyprus: New efforts and perspectives" has been the 11th of a series of honorary events in memory of the Professor of Public Law at the University of Athens, Ioannis Anastopoulos (1942-1997).

Mr. Mavroyiannis has served as Deputy Minister to the President for European Affairs in Cyprus and has been member of the European group of Public Law.

Professor Theodora Antoniou, Former Minister Prokopis Pavlopoulos, Deputy Health Minister Ms Katerina Papakosta and Ambassador Mr Anastasios Mitsialis, General Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs opened the conference.

Foreign diplomats, politicians, professors participated in the discussion that followed. The journalist Antonis Papagiannidis has coordinated the event. The director of the EPLO, Professor Spyridon Flogaitis concluded the conference.