

"Religious leaders and faith-based institutions were not given a seat at the table, Eskdijan said. "They were excluded from the discussions and were not invited to be part of the bi-communal civil society efforts."

"Peace agreement is like a glass tower, and anyone left out is like a small pebble capable of cracking it!" Eskidjian said. It was especially true for Greek Cypriots, where "religion is very much part of culture and identity even of those who say they are not religious—there are weddings, christenings, etc.," Eskidjian said.

"There was no space where religious communities met for anything—not even to greet each other on special occasions like Christmas or Eid," she added.

In light of these considerations, the proposal to establish the RTCYPP emerged, intending to promote interfaith dialogue to advance human rights and foster peace and reconciliation. It garnered overwhelming support from the religious leaders of Cyprus, encompassing not only the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities, but also minority religions on the island, such as

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