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TO ALL MEMBERS

I am so very pleased and relieved that I can now bring to you a final report on the Registration and Constitution issues.

Many, but possibly not all of you, know of the difficulties we encountered in trying to register Cyprus U3A in this country. The stumbling block was in the name, the word 'University', which only the University of Cyprus is allowed to use, by law.

Our present constitution, (Clause 15 i), states that it, (the constitution), cannot be altered without calling a General Meeting and (Clause 15 ii), states that no amendment may be made to clause 1 ( The name of the Charity). As a consequence it was proposed that we should seek to register a NEW ASSOCIATION using the name 'Cyprus Third Age' (C3A), with a NEW CONSTITUTION.

We were advised to register as an Association rather than a Charity or a Trust, both of which are more difficult to administer and take years longer to be adopted here in Cyprus.

The use of the proposed name, Cyprus Third Age, 'C3A', would not affect our affiliation to the Third Age Trust (the UK U3A ).

Meanwhile the U3A would continue to function, as it had for the previous three years, under the existing constitution.

At the AGM of November 15<sup>th</sup> 2007, a motion was proposed that *"When the Cyprus Third Age is registered with the Cypriot Authorities, all property, monies, and details of committees and members will be transferred to that organisation"*

The motion was carried and the committee empowered to do this immediately, to avoid having to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

At last we have received the Certificate of Registration for the new Association from the Ministry of the Interior.

It has taken almost a further 3 years to reach this auspicious moment! We now fulfil the legal obligation for organisations in Cyprus and as from now the U3A ceases to exist.

The committees are proceeding to put this in to effect. The districts will continue to enjoy the same degree of autonomy. The every day running of the groups and activities in all the districts will continue unchanged. Membership cards will remain valid until the expiry date, when new ones will be issued. The C3A will now function, as has the U3A, without any interruption.

The paperwork will have the new name and logo, as shown at the top of this letter, and bank accounts will be changed over by the treasurers.

A new website will be running shortly. The old one will have links to the new.

The new Constitution will be posted on the Website in both English and Greek. The Greek version is the official registered constitution. The English is a translation for our benefit.

Welcome to the C3A. May it flourish as the U3A has done over the last 6 years

With my best regards

