**SPEAKER ŞENTOP ATTENDS 39th ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES OF TRNC**

**Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (GNAT), Mustafa Şentop participated in 39th anniversary ceremonies of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and he firstly attended the reception marking the 39th anniversary hosted by the President of TRNC, Ersin Tatar, then the ceremony was held at Nicosia Atatürk Monument.**

**Speaker Şentop attended the official parade on Fazıl Küçük Avenue and made a speech here, then he celebrated the Republic Day of the TRNC.**

**In his speech at the parade, Şentop stated, “It should be well known that the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) will be recognized sooner or later, and the Turkish Cypriot people will reach a prosperous future. Rest assured, motherland Türkiye will always stand by your side. We will continue to walk honourably with our heads held high with patience and faith.”**

**Noting that the Turkish Cypriots have an “exceptional place” in Turkish history, Şentop stated, “History has once again shown with the honorable stance of the Turkish Cypriots that the Turkish nation will never live in captivity and will never give up on their homeland and independence.”**

**Şentop stated that Greek Cypriots who destroyed the constitutional order of the Republic of Cyprus in 1963, which was established in 1960, and he added that Greeks persecuted Turks for years, tried to usurp their vested equal rights and tried to reduce the Turkish Cypriot people to minority status on the Island of Cyprus with systematic massacres. He continued his speech as follows:**

**“International boards, especially the United Nations (UN) Security Council, which could not show an effective and solution-oriented presence in the current Russia-Ukraine problem, promoted the Greeks to a deadlock and encouraged them. The Greek Cypriots left the negotiations inconclusive, considering the deadlock as an important gain for decades and they have led to waste time with delaying tactics.”**

**Speaker Şentop emphasized that as Türkiye, they fully support the constructive and realistic proposal presented by TRNC President, Ersin Tatar, with this understanding, in Geneva in 2021. Şentop concluded his speech with the following words:**

**“We have to protect our homeland, our nation, our state, our independence, our rights and laws with sincerity, loyalty and determination.** **We can never leave our independence and future to the mercy and compassion of others. The Cyprus cause is our national cause. We will overcome all kinds of difficulties, God willing, in unity and solidarity. We will walk together with confident steps for prosperous tomorrows.”**