

**Speech of the Mayor of Karavas Nicos Hadjistephanou,
in the ceremony of signing the Protocol of Cultural Collaboration**

Excellencies,

Honorable guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. At first, please allow me to express, on behalf of the Municipality of Karavas, my greatest satisfaction for signing this Protocol of Cultural Cooperation between the Municipality of Karavas, the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO and the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Association.

I am very happy, as this expectation is now being materialized.

2. I warmly welcome you to this ceremony, because your presence denotes the importance we all give to this agreement.

3. Our cultural collaboration will give us the opportunity to learn more about each other's culture, find common elements and create strong bonds that will give us the opportunity to exchange visits between our two Countries, organize exhibitions, like the one we have organized during our visit here, and promote the rich cultural traditions of both Cyprus and Romania.

4. I would like to thank all the persons involved in fulfilling this achievement:

I am beyond grateful to Dr. Daniela Popescu who, from the first moment, embraced our desire to sign an official agreement for partnership collaboration between our countries. With her excellent cooperation and dedicated commitment, this desire is today materialized.

I would also like to thank Mr. Ani Matei, Secretary General of the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, for taking part in this collaboration.

Please allow me to also thank Dr. Antigoni Polyniki, Officer of the UNESCO of Cyprus, for her decisive contribution to all the steps of this process, the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus for their support, as well as all the ladies of the Fervolites Committee of Karavas Municipality, and especially the ladies of this delegation.