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CLARIFICATION – THE TIMES

Reference is made to the article published today, September 9th, 2010, entitled "**Mourning, commitments keep leaders away from some Victory Day events**".

We are highly disappointed to note the way in which the conclusion of the Archbishop's homily has been reported despite the fact that the full text was provided to the newsroom. Whilst understanding that the full homily cannot be reproduced, we object to the fact that when referring to the role of the Church in today's society, only the first two sentences were quoted. As a result, the Archbishop's message was skewed. In view of this, can we have a clarification published in tomorrow's newspaper quoting the concluding paragraph of the Archbishop's homily to clarify this matter by showing that the sentence quoted in today's newspaper continued as follows:

The Church proposes Christian ideals. It is not within her competence to provide practical solutions. She (the Church) proposes these solutions through its members. An example of this may be found in the person of three famous statesmen Schumann, Adenauer, De Gasperi who dedicated their efforts to bring unity within Europe following the Second World War. I urge Christians to shoulder their personal responsibility within their respective areas to find creative ways of disseminating the values which they embrace. They are further encouraged to direct their efforts towards achieving the ideals as transmitted to us by H.H. Pope Benedict XVI before leaving our island, "unity, solidarity and mutual respect stand at the basis of your social and political life".