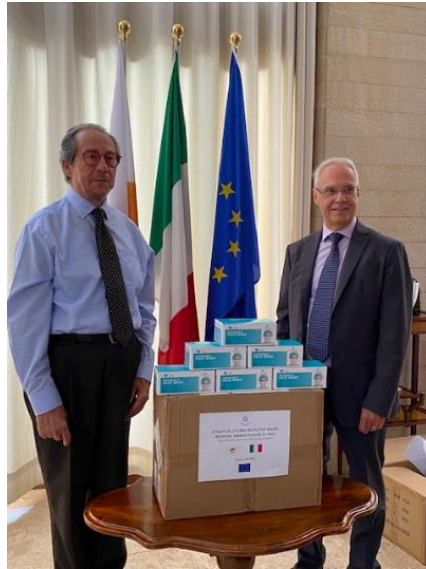




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PRESS RELEASE

**Italy receives a donation of protective masks from
Mr. Marios Eliades to help in the combat against covid-19**



On the eve of the Italian National Day, Mr. Marios Eliades has handed over today to the Ambassador of Italy in Nicosia 5.000 protective masks for delivering to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The protective devices will help the Ministry in its activities aimed to prevent further diffusion of Coronavirus.

Mr. Eliades announced his donation mid- April when Italy, prior to any other country in Europe, was struggling against the pandemic. Moved by news highlighting the tireless work done by Italian healthcare personnel to save lives and by images reflecting the extraordinary resistance of the Italian ordinary people, Mr. Eliades took the decision to come in support of Italy. His generous donation will allow protecting the many who continue to work in view to contain the diffusion of the virus.

The Embassy of Italy is particularly grateful to Mr. Eliades for his generous support and donation, a concrete sign of solidarity from Cyprus; from a European Cypriot to his fellow European citizens, in a moment of great difficulties for Italy and Italian people.

Mr. Eliades, former Minister of Communications and Works of the Republic of Cyprus, is the founder of Eliades & Partners, one of the most experienced legal professional firms in Cyprus.

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