



**SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**  
**Roundtable on Cyprus: Living Together in the New Century**

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**Eleni Bakopanos, MP** (Lib., Ahuntsic, Québec) was first elected to the House of Commons as MP for Saint-Denis (1993) and re-elected as MP for Ahuntsic (1997). From July 1997 to September 1999, she held the position of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. During her mandate, she was a member of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights and served on the Special Joint Committee on Child Custody and Access. She is presently a member of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, an associate member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and a member of the Sub-committee on Human Rights and International Development. Her responsibilities have included: Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, work in Standing Committees on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and on Procedure and House Affairs, Vice-Chair of the Québec Liberal Caucus, Secretary of the National Liberal Caucus, member of the Liberal Social Policy Caucus, and a member of the Liberal Women's Caucus. She began her political involvement over twenty years ago. After working on the 1980 Québec Referendum she worked as a provincial co-ordinator for the Ethnic Groups Commission for the Québec Liberal Party and regional co-ordinator for Western Montréal ridings. From 1986 to 1990, she was a policy advisor to various Québec Ministers responsible for Cultural Communities and Immigration. From 1990 to 1993 she was Vice-President for Cultural Communities at the Conseil des communautés culturelles et de l'Immigration. Ms. Bakopanos was the first Greek-born woman elected to the House of Commons. In 1997, she was decorated Grand Officer of Infante D. Henrique (the highest honour given to a civilian by the Portuguese government) and in 1999 she received the Medal of the Officer of the Order of Phoenix (awarded by the President of the Hellenic Republic).

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