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CAPInv. 184: to politeuma ton Kilikon

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Egypt
ii.	**Nome**	Arsinoites (00)
iii.	**Site**	Ptolemais Euergetis (?)

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	τὸ πολίτευμα τῶν Κιλίκων (I.Louvre 22, ll. 5-6)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*to politeuma ton Kilikon*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	s. iii - ii BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Ethnic:	Cilicians
iii.	**Descriptive terms**	πολίτευμα, *politeuma*	
	Note	*politeuma*: I.Louvre 22, l. 5	

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	I.Louvre 22 (s. iii - ii BC)
	Note	Other editions are: I.Fayoum I 15, SB IV 7270, SEG VIII 573.
	Online Resources	I.Fayoum I 15 TM 5687 AGRW ID 20512
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)

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i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication of a *pylon* to Zeus, Athena, and the *politeuma*.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Limestone block, which was probably part of the *pylon*'s façade.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	Α πυλών, *pylon* and τὰ ἐν αὐτῶι πάντα, *ta en autoi panta* (ll. 3-4) are dedicated to the gods and the *politeuma*.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The *pylon* and its furnishings (l. 3-4) dedicated to the gods and the *politeuma* may be a shrine and/or the meeting place of the *politeuma* itself.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	It is likely that the *politeuma* was a group formed by people involved in military life, and therefore men.
iii. Age	Adults
Note	If the military character of the *politeuma* is correct, it does not seem likely that children took part in it.
iv. Status	Arrenides, son of Koderdos, *Syrbendeus*, who made the dedication, bore the aulic titulature of the *protoi philoi* of the King and he was an officer of the army and the royal guard τῶν ... χ(ιλι)ά(ρχων) καὶ περὶ τοὺς | βασιλεῖς μ̣αχαιροφόρ̣ων, *ton ... chiliarchon kai peri tous basileis machairophoron* (ll. 2-3; cf. Mooren 1975: no. 0281). He was probably a member of the *politeuma*, which is very likely to have gathered people with a military background.
vi. Proper names and physical features	Ἀρρενίδης Κοδέρδ̣ου Συρβενδεὺς τῶν (πρώτων) φίλων καὶ χ(ιλι)ά(ρχων) καὶ περὶ τοὺς βασιλεῖς μ̣αχαιροφόρ̣ων

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Given the fact that Arrenides dedicated the *pylon* to Zeus and Athena, as well as to the *politeuma* of Cilicians, it is likely that the *politeuma* as a whole (and not just the dedicant) had a particular devotion to the two gods – especially if the *pylon* represented the shrine and/or meeting place of the *politeuma*.
Deities worshipped	Zeus (?) Athena (?)

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Mooren, L. (1975), *The Aulic titulature in Ptolemaic Egypt: introduction and prosopography*. Brussel.

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	On the basis of the evidence at our disposal (typology of document, character of the dealings of the *politeuma* etc), it is very likely that this *politeuma* functioned and was a private association of a military character. There are no hints to suggest that this group had larger responsibilities of whatever character, like it is the case for other *politeumata* (cf. CAPInv. 1370).

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