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## CAPInv. 1981: to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Kilikon

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Cyprus
ii. Region	Cyprus
iii. Site	Paphos

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τασσομένων Κιλίκων (ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Kilikon</i>

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	142 - 107 BC
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i.	Name in other forms	οἱ ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τασσόμενοι Κίλικες, <i>hoi en te nesoi tassomenoi Kilikes</i> (ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71, l. 3)	
ii.	Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Kilikēs</i> : soldiers from Cilicia
		Geographical:	<i>en tei nesoi</i>
		Professional:	<i>tassomenoi</i> : soldiers stationed on the island
		Status-related:	<i>tassomenoi</i> : soldiers stationed on the island
iii.	Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
	Note	<i>koinon</i> : ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83, l. 3; ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91, l. 1.	

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83 (123-118 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71 (142-131 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91 (114-107 BC)
Note	ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83 = OGIS 157 = CIG 2635 = SEG 13: 578 ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91 = OGIS 148
Online Resources	<a href="#">ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 20535</a> <a href="#">ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 20539</a> <a href="#">ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 20574</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83: Greek statue base for the governor Theodoros, son of Seleukos. ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71: Greek statue base for the governor Seleukos (?) ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91: Greek statue base for the governor Helenos
i.c. Physical format(s)	Statue bases
ii. Source(s) provenance	All three inscriptions were found in the sanctuary of Aphrodite.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members are generically called οἱ ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τασσόμενοι Κύλικες, <i>hoi en te nesoi tassomenoi Kilikes</i> (ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71, l. 3)
iv. Officials	οἱ ἡγεμόνες, <i>hoi hegemones</i> (ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71, l. 2): the term may refer to the officials of the association or to the officials of the units of the Cilician mercenaries.

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the military character of the group, the members were men.
iv. Status	The members were mercenaries from Cilicia.

## X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>koinon</i> honoured the Ptolemaic governors of the island, for their benevolence and loyalty to the Ptolemaic rulers and to the <i>koinon</i> .
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## XII. NOTES

i. Comments	On <i>koina</i> of mercenaries on Cyprus see also: Thompson Crawford 1984: 1073-4 and Kruse 2015: 292-6.
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### iii. Bibliography

Kruse, T. (2015), 'Ethnic *koina* and *politeumata* in Ptolemaic Egypt'. in V. Gabrielsen and C. A. Thomsen (eds.), *Private Associations and the Public Sphere: Proceedings of a Symposium held at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 9-11 September 2010*. Copenhagen: 270-300.  
Thompson Crawford, D. J. (1984), 'The Idumaeans of Memphis and the Ptolemaic Politeumata', in *Atti del XVII Congresso Internazionale di Papirologia*. vol. 3. Napoli: 1069-75.

## XIII. EVALUATION

### i. Private association

Certain

#### Note

The terminology employed (*koinon*) and the character of the group, together with parallels of other military *koina* on the island, point to a private association. It is less likely that the *koinon* was the loose community of mercenaries without a more structured and durable associational organisation.