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CYPRUS: TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

1. THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR CALLED THIS EVENING AT MY REQUEST. I TOLD HIM I WISHED TO ENSURE THAT HE HAD A CLEAR VIEW OF OUR ATTITUDE TO RECENT EVENTS IN CYPRUS. HE WOULD HAVE SEEN MY STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE. WE DEPLORED THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS' DECLARATION OF STATEHOOD. IT WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE 1960 TREATIES AND HAD BEEN MADE DESPITE OUR REPEATED EFFORTS AT DISSUASION IN NICOSIA AND ANKARA. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO EVREN URGING HIM TO SECURE A REVERSAL. WE HAD ALSO CALLED FOR A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND CIRCULATED INFORMALLY A DRAFT RESOLUTION. WE VERY MUCH REGRETTED TURKISH RECOGNITION AND THE FACT THAT THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAD NOT PREVAILED UPON DENKTASH TO DISSUADE HIM FROM ACTION. WE HAD CALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GUARANTOR POWERS. MR TURKMEN'S PRELIMINARY REPLY HAD BEEN TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE. WE AWAITED THE GREEK RESPONSE. MEANWHILE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH. WE HOPED THAT ALL INVOLVED WOULD AVOID DOING ANYTHING TO MAKE THE PRESENT SITUATION WORSE.

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2. I ADDED THAT WE HAD GIVEN GREAT SUPPORT TO THE TURKS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. WE WOULD CONTINUE TO ADOPT THIS ATTITUDE SO FAR AS WE COULD. BUT HE SHOULD REALISE THAT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT, COMING AT A CRUCIAL TIME FOR TURKEY, MADE THE TASK FACING TURKEY'S FRIENDS CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT.

3. THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WE WOULD KNOW TURKEY'S POSITION FROM REPORTS FROM OUR AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA AND FROM THEIR STATEMENTS. DENKTASH'S DECISION HAD COME AS A SURPRISE TO TURKEY ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN IN THE AIR FOR A LONG TIME. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD ENCOURAGED A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM THROUGH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THROUGH THE PROPOSED SUMMIT MEETING. HE THEN SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL DISCUSSIONS: THE UNHELPFUL INITIATIVES TAKEN BY GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS TO INTERNATIONALISE THE ISSUE: AND THE MONOPOLY WHICH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD ESTABLISHED FOR THEMSELVES IN INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION OF CYPRUS. TURKEY'S DECISION TO RECOGNISE THE NEW STATE HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY THE FAVOURABLE ASPECTS OF THE DECLARATION (EG PARAS B4 TO 8 OF NICOSIA TEL NO. 282. HE BELIEVED THAT THE NEW STATE WOULD RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THAT THIS WOULD HELP TO RESTORE THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS. THE OBJECTIVE OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THERE WAS UNDERSTANDING FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. PARTICULARLY THE UK, OF THE POSITION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. IF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD THEN THE PRESENT PROMISING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS WOULD BE LOST. IN DESPERATION THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS MIGHT EVEN TAKE MORE DRASTIC ACTION.

3. REFERRING TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS OF THE GUARANTOR POWERS, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT TURKEY WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE

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PLEASED IF THE INITIATIVE HAD COME BEFORE OTHER ACTION HAD BEEN
TAKEN, EG UK 'ASSOCIATION' WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT INITIATIVE
IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. I SAID THAT I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THE EMPHASIS ON SEEKING
FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS BUT DISTURBED BY THE REFERENCE TO
POSSIBLE FURTHER MEASURES BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. I HOPED
THAT THE TURKS WOULD EXERCISE THE NECESSARY RESTRAINT.
THE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT THIS WOULD BE THEIR INTENTION.

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