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TELEGRAM NUMBER 138 OF 12 AUGUST

AND TO PRIORITY ANKARA, ATHENS, UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, PARIS, BONN, ROME.

YOUR TELNOS. 192 AND 193: INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS

1. MR HURD RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH DR WALDHEIM DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THIS AFTERNOON. DE CUELLAR WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. WALDHEIM SAID THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY AND THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT OPENING. THOUGH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD INITIALLY REACTED FAVOURABLY, KYPRIANOU IN HIS MOST RECENT TALKS WITH GOBBI HAD BEEN DISCOURAGING. BUT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, BY DECREASING THEIR AREA OF OCCUPATION FROM 36 PERCENT TO 28 OR 29 PERCENT (SIC), REPRESENTED A REAL OPPORTUNITY WHICH WE MUST DO OUR UTMOST TO USE.

3. MR HURD SAID THAT WE SHARED WALDHEIM'S ANALYSIS. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE MISTAKEN NOT TO RESPOND. WE WELCOMED THE FORCE WITH WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD GOBBI HAD SPOKEN TO KYPRIANOU. WE HOPED THAT WHEN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL JUDGED THE MOMENT OPPORTUNE THE UN WOULD PUT FORWARD ITS OWN IDEAS TO THE TWO PARTIES. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD GIVEN FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO GOBBI. HE HIMSELF WAS PREPARED TO MAKE A PERSONAL VISIT TO CYPRUS IF THIS COULD HELP. DE CUELLAR MENTIONED OUR PRESIDENCY OF THE TEN AND ASKED THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EFFORTS BY ENSURING THAT KYPRIANOU SAID NOTHING IN PUBLIC AGAINST THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT THEN BLOCK FURTHER PROGRESS. WALDHEIM ENDORSED THIS: THERE HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN IN TURKEY SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF GOVERNMENT FIGURES WHO SEEMED SINCERELY TO WISH TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. MR HURD SAID THAT WE WOULD DO OUR BEST TO HELP.

4. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE ALREADY MADE THIS POINT ON A NUMBER OF RECENT OCCASIONS TO KYPRIANOU AND ROLANDIS. WE

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AGREE PARAGRAPH 7 OF YOUR TELNO. 193: IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE A FURTHER DEMARCHE AT PRESENT. BUT YOU SHOULD CLEARLY TAKE SUCH OPPORTUNITIES AS PRESENT THEMSELVES TO EMPHASIZE THAT, WHILE IT IS NOT FOR US TO OFFER COMMENT ON THE DETAIL OF TURKISH PROPOSALS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS EVIDENCE OF TURKISH READINESS TO MAKE PROGRESS IS NOT THROWN ASIDE BY PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH COULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE TWO SIDES TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT DIALOGUE.

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