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TO IMMEDIATE FCO.,

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MY TELNO 668 AND TELECON KEEFE/MADDEN: **TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION
OF STATEHOOD**

1. CAPSIS HAS SENT ME A COPY OF THE MESSAGE TO YOU WHICH HE SENT LAST NIGHT FOR DELIVERY BY KYRIAZIDES. THE TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN THE ABSENCE ABROAD OF FOREIGN MINISTER MR IOANNIS HARALAMBOPOULOS, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO YOUR ATTENTION REGARDING YOUR MESSAGE TO HIM, DATED NOVEMBER 15TH.

"THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS HIGHLY APPRECIATED THE POSITION TAKEN BY HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT DURING THE RECENT CYPRUS CRISIS; WHICH WAS PRECIPITATED BY THE PURPORTED DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.

"IT ALSO VALUES THE INTENTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT INITIATIVES IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE CRISIS AND EVENTUALLY ALLOW THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PURSUE HIS INITIATIVE TO WHICH WE ALL WISH SUCCESS. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE APPRECIATE THE PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE 1960 TREATY OF GUARANTEE.

"HOWEVER, YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, AS LONG AS A MAJOR PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS REMAINS UNDER OCCUPATION BY TURKISH ARMED FORCES.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED AND WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER INTO BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF RESOLVING THE PRESENT CYPRUS CRISIS.

"IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION WHATSOEVER SHOULD THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WISH TO ENTER ALSO INTO BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WITH THE SAME PURPOSE".

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