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Cyprus: Replies to Messages from the President of Cyprus
and the Prime Minister of Greece

Now that the UN Security Council debate on Cyprus is finished, I enclose draft letters for the Prime Minister's signature to President Kyprianou and Mr Papandreou. These are in reply to a message from President Kyprianou contained in Nicosia telno 189, to which the Prime Minister sent an interim reply in our telno 99 to Nicosia, and to a letter from Mr Papandreou enclosed with your letter of 3 May. You will recall that you decided against sending an interim reply to this letter.

The drafts are largely self-explanatory. They focus on two major points, our support for the UN Secretary-General and the need not to exacerbate the situation in the coming months. There is a risk that President Kyprianou will not act with restraint in the face of further possible Turkish Cypriot provocations such as the publication of a draft constitution, the resettlement of part of Varosha, or interference with the work of UNFICYP. Papandreou is even less likely to act with restraint in view of his general tendency to make the most of disputes with Turkey.

Papandreou's letter suggests that the Cyprus problem should be the 'touchstone' for relations between the UK and Greece as well as Cyprus and 'Hellenism in its broader sense'. We cannot accept this any more than that the Turks should make Cyprus the 'litmus test' for relations with them as they have in turn suggested. The draft reply to Papandreou accordingly implies that the correct approach to the Cyprus problem should be one of the concern for the welfare of all the people of the island.

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Prime Minister

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His Excellency
 President Spyros Kyprianou
 President of the Republic of Cyprus

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SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

As promised in my message of 1 May, I am replying to your letter of 19 April about the situation in Cyprus.

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
I was most grateful for your letter and it was helpful that you set out your views so fully at the beginning of the Security Council debate. We had these very much in mind as the debate progressed in New York. I am glad that we were able to vote in favour of the resolution which you supported.

As you will know from the ~~E~~Explanation of ~~the~~ vote given by our representative in New York the resolution did cause us some difficulties. But we thought it right to vote for it in response to the developments that precipitated the debate. We particularly welcomed the fact that the resolution endorsed the UN Secretary-General's mandate to pursue his mission of good offices. We continue to believe he is best placed to make progress towards the peaceful, just and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem that we all so much want. We will continue to give him our full support and I know that you will do the same.

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In the days ahead I am confident that you

that you will continue to act with statesmanship
and understanding, which may often mean having to show
restraint in the face of frustration and
disappointment. We will continue to play a
constructive role in the search for a solution
which will restore^{to} the people of Cyprus the
tranquillity they desire.

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Thank you for your letter of 2 May about the UN Security Council debate on Cyprus which has just finished.

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Like you we recognised ^{that} the debate ^{was of} ~~as a matter~~ of great importance for the future of Cyprus and for the welfare of all its people. We also had very much in mind the historical links to which you drew our attention in your letter.

We followed the course of the debate with the closest attention. I am glad that the resolution which was adopted, and for which we voted, endorsed the UN Secretary-General's mandate to pursue his mission of good offices. We continue to believe that he is best placed to make progress towards the peaceful, just and lasting settlement in Cyprus that we all so much want. We shall continue to give him our full support and I feel sure that you will do the same.

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Looking to the future I very much hope that all who are in a position to affect the destiny of Cyprus

and the welfare of its people will show the determination required to make a positive contribution towards the settlement of the Cyprus problem. I hope also that all parties will avoid actions which could give rise to new tensions in Cyprus and make the Secretary-General's task more difficult. We will continue to play our part in this.

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