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## SUPPLEMENTARY SPEAKING NOTE

1. We have had a quick contact with the Secretary General after the end of the first round. It is clear that he has put in a tremendous personal effort. His concern over the general lack of progress is also clear.

2. What is your assessment of the prospects for progress in the light of the Secretary General's working points? Do the working points provide a reasonable way forward if they could be accepted by each side?

3. Do you see any prospect of a trade-off between constitutional flexibility and territory? If you can be flexible on the constitution, we are ready to press the other side to be flexible on territory.

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4. The Turkish side is giving us in confidence what we suspect may be an incorrect account of your position in respect of certain of the Secretary General's working points. If you can confirm that this account is not accurate, it would give the Secretary General and ourselves useful ammunition to use with the other side. For example, as regards the constitutional proposals:

i. Powers and functions of the federal government

They say that you seem to reject the suggestion by the Secretary General that a list be drawn up to specify the powers and functions of the federal government and that you are talking about devolving some powers from the centre rather than establishing a bizonal federation.

ii. Legislature

They say you reject the proposals for a bi-cameral legislature [can you accept 50:50 representation in the upper chamber?].



iii. Executive

They say that the role of the Turkish Cypriot Vice-Presidency would be diminished even compared with the powers set out in the 1960 Constitution, the implication being that the Turkish Cypriots could always be overborne in the Executive. Is this so?

5. As regards the confidence building measures, it is alleged that you are opposed to the re-opening of Nicosia airport, at least by implication, because of problems over sovereignty. Could you in fact accept the opening of the airport in exchange for an acceptable territorial package?