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MIPT: CYPRUS: SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE

SUMMARY

1. I SAW THE SECRETARY GENERAL TODAY (26 OCTOBER) FOLLOWING HIS FINAL MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU BUT BEFORE THAT WITH DENKTASH. HE SAID THAT BOTH SIDES CLAIMED TO HAVE MADE CONCESSIONS BUT AS THEY ALWAYS TOOK A STEP BACKWARDS BEFORE TAKING ONE FORWARD, THERE WAS REALLY NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT. HE CONFIRMED THAT DENKTASH'S POSITION HAD HARDENED IN THAT HE WAS NOW MAKING SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS ABOUT TERRITORY. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD NOT MADE ANY SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS EITHER BUT HE BELIEVED KYPRIANOU FINALLY WANTED A SETTLEMENT.
2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID HE HAD TOLD BOTH SIDES THAT THE NEXT SESSION ON 26 NOVEMBER MIGHT LAST ONLY ONE DAY. HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER 2 WEEK SLOG. HE HAD NOT AFTER ALL GIVEN THEM A THIRD REVISE OF HIS PAPER SINCE EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT IT WOULD IMMEDIATELY LEAK IN THE CYPRUS PRESS AND BE ATTACKED. HE WAS PUTTING HIS IDEAS ORALLY TO THE 2 SIDES AND THEY MUST GIVE HIM THEIR RESPONSES ON 26 NOVEMBER. HE WAS CONVINCED THAT NO PROGRESS WOULD EVER BE MADE EXCEPT IN TETE A TETE MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE 2 LEADERS. KYPRIANOU WOULD BE BRINGING THE PARTY LEADERS WITH HIM IN NOVEMBER BUT THEY WOULD BE KEPT IN A BACK ROOM.
3. I TOLD PERZ DE CUELLAR THAT WE CONTINUED TO STAND READY TO HELP. HE CONTINUED TO SHOW MARKED APPRECIATION FOR OUR ATTITUDE BUT SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO SUGGEST AT THE MOMENT.

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MY TELNO 1213: CYPRUS: SECRETARY GENERALS INITIATIVE

SUMMARY

1. SECOND ROUND OF PROXIMITY TALKS CONCLUDED.  
SECRETARIATE GLOOMY AT LACK OF PROGRESS AND DENKTASH'S  
PERFORMANCE. A THIRD AND FINAL ROUND OF PROXIMITY TALKS TO  
BEGIN ON 26 NOVEMBER.

DETAIL

2. THE SECRETARIAT YESTERDAY (25 OCTOBER) HELD TALKS WITH  
OFFICIALS FROM THE TWO SIDES PRESENT IN ADJOINING ROOMS - MAVROMMA-  
TIS AND TRIANTAFYLIDIS FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND ERTEKUN AND  
ATALAY FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. TODAY THE SECRETARY GENERAL SAW  
KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH SEPARATELY FOR THE CONCLUDING MEETINGS OF  
THIS ROUND. HE SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED THE PRESS STATEMENT IN MY SECOND  
IFT (NOT TO ALL) REPORTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE  
PROGRESS BUT THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO HOLD A FINAL ROUND OF  
PROXIMITY TALKS BEGINNING ON 26 NOVEMBER.

3. SHERRY THIS EVENING BRIEFED US TOGETHER WITH HAAS WHO HAD COME  
UP FROM WASHINGTON. SHERRY SAID THAT LAST FEW DAYS OF THE TALKS HAD  
BEEN A "DISGRACEFUL PERFORMANCE". DENKTASH HAD REACTED TO THE  
SECRETARY GENERALS REVISED PAPER BY REJECTING EVERY POINT WHERE  
AN EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. HE  
HAD THEN GONE ON TO RESTATE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION IN MORE  
EXTREME TERMS THAN BEFORE. HE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY UNHELPFUL OVER  
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THE LIST OF FEDERAL POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LIST HAD REFERRED TO MONETARY MATTERS. DENKTASH HAD AMENDED THIS TO READ "FEDERAL" MONETARY MATTERS WITH THE OBVIOUS IMPLICATION THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROVINCE MIGHT RETAIN ITS OWN MONETARY SYSTEM. AFTER INDICATING SOME FLEXIBILITY ON TERRITORY AT AN EARLIER STAGE HE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY HARDENED HIS POSITION ON THE CONSTITUTION. HE WAS CONTINUING TO INSIST ON 100 PERCENT POWER SHARING FOR BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATURE, REJECTING ANY SUGGESTION THAT EVEN CONTINUING LEGISLATION COULD PASS THE LEGISLATURE WITHOUT FULL TURKISH CYPRIOT APPROVAL.

4. SHERRY SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS BEHIND DENKTASH'S INTRANSIGENCE. THE TURKS HAD ALSO BEEN DIFFICULT. HAD THEY PERHAPS GIVEN HIM THE GREEN LIGHT?

5. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR THEIR PART HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING ON CERTAIN POINTS BUT HAD NOT GIVEN NEARLY ENOUGH. THEY WERE HOWEVER TAKING THE LINE THAT THEY COULD NOT GIVE MORE WITHOUT SIGNS OF FLEXIBILITY FROM DENKTASH.

6. SHERRY COMPLAINED ABOUT THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING ANY SORT OF PAPER WITH THE TWO SIDES. WHENEVER ANYTHING WAS PUT DOWN ON PAPER IT INEVITABLY LEAKED MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO MODIFY FURTHER. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS LEAKED LIKE A SIEVE.

7. SHERRY SAID THAT THE PLAN NOW AS FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PRODUCE A FURTHER DRAFT HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENT IN WHICH HE WOULD FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS ON CONSTITUTION AND TERRITORY. MAVROMMATIS AND ERTEKUN WOULD PROBABLY BE ASKED TO COME TO NEW YORK ABOUT 10 DAYS BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND TO BE GIVEN DETAILS OF THE DRAFT. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD NOT HOWEVER PHYSICALLY HAND THEM A PAPER, BUT AS AT VIENNA, DICTATE TO THEM ORALLY WHAT WAS IN IT. PEREZ DE CUELLAR WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO TO A FOURTH ROUND. AFTER THE NEXT ROUND IT WOULD BE A JOINT HIGH LEVEL MEETING OR NOTHING. BUT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING UNLESS THERE WAS SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THAT IT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. SUMMING UP SHERRY SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD GIVE THE TWO SIDES HIS COMPLETE PLAN AND TELL THEM TO TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. IF THEIR REACTION WAS NEGATIVE THEN HE WOULD REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

8. HAAS ALSO SAW IACOVOU TODAY. ACCORDING TO THE US MISSION, IACOVOU WAS BITTER ABOUT THE TALKS AND ABOUT DENKTASH'S PERFORMANCE IN PARTICULAR. HE HAD INSTANCED THE WAY IN WHICH DENKTASH HAD APPARENTLY GONE BACK ON THE LIST OF FEDERAL POWERS CLAIMING THAT HE HAD ONLY PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PRESENTATION OF A LIST, NOT ITS CONTENT. IACOVOU HAD FAULTED SHERRY AND PICCO FOR NOT HAVING COME CLEAN WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR MOST OF THE TALKS AS TO HOW INTRANSIGENT DENKTASH WAS REALLY BEING. HE THOUGHT THAT THE TURKS HAD ALSO BEEN SPREADING DISINFORMATION ABOUT DENKTASH'S WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE ON TERRITORY.

9. IACOVOU TOLD HAAS THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD A PUBLIC AND A PRIVATE POSITION, THE LATTER BEING MORE FLEXIBLE. HE CONSIDERED THAT THEY HAD BEEN RIGHT NOT TO HAVE GONE PUBLIC ON THEIR PRIVATE POSITION DURING THE TALKS SINCE DENKTASH WOULD HAVE

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ENDED UP BY MERELY POCKETING THEIR CONCESSIONS. HE SAID THAT HE  
WOULD BE QUITE CONTENT FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT IN  
FULL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND WAS OPPOSED TO ANY ATTEMPT TO  
HOLD A HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITHOUT PRIOR ASSURANCES OF ITS SUCCESS.

10. PLEASE SEE MIFT FOR SECRETARY GENERALS COMMENTS.

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