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MY TELNO 35 (NOT TO ALL): CYPRUS: HIGH LEVEL MEETING

SUMMARY

1. THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING ENDED IN FAILURE THIS EVENING. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH BOTH SIDES ABOUT A FURTHER MEETING BUT DENKTASH HAS GIVEN NO COMMITMENT AND INSISTS THAT THERE IS NOW A NEW POLITICAL SITUATION. BOTH SIDES HAD GIVEN PREDICTABLY SELF SERVING ACCOUNTS TO THE PRESS.

DETAIL

2. KYPRIANOUS FINAL PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS IN RETURN FOR A HIGH LEVEL MEETING LIMITED TO 4 ISSUES (MY TUR) WAS REJECTED BY DENKTASH. ACCORDING TO SHERRY, DENKTASH CONSULTED THE TURKS BEFORE TURNING IT DOWN.

3. IT REMAINED FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SALVAGE WHAT LITTLE HE COULD. THE FINAL SESSION THIS AFTERNOON WAS DEVOTED TO DRAWING UP A STATEMENT. THE SECRETARY GENERAL EMERGED ABOUT 5.00PM TO READ IT OUT TO A PRESS CONFERENCE. THE TEXT IS IN MIFT. IT STATES THAT THE PARTIES ARE READY TO CONTINUE THEIR DIRECT CONTACTS AND THAT HE WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH A VIEW TO THEIR MEETING AGAIN AT A JOINT HIGH LEVEL MEETING, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY.

4. THE SECRETARY GENERAL STAYED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND WAS FOLLOWED BY DENKTASH AND THEN BY KYPRIANOU. A FULL ACCOUNT IS IN MY SECOND IFT. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SOUNDED DISAPPOINTED AND DEFENSIVE. HE STRESSED HIS DUTY TO CONTINUE WITH HIS MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES AND TO TRY TO CONVENE A FURTHER HIGH LEVEL MEETING.

5. DENKTASH WAS SELF CONFIDENT AND FORCEFUL. HE REJECTED ANY SUGGESTION THAT HE WAS COMMITTED TO A FURTHER HIGH LEVEL MEETING. HE SAID THAT THE FAILURE OF THE SUMMIT MEANT THAT THERE WAS NOW A NEW POLITICAL SITUATION AND HE HINTED THAT ELECTIONS MIGHT BE HELD. HE PLACED THE BLAME FIRMLY ON KYPRIANOU FOR TRYING TO RE-NEGOTIATE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT. HE WAS WILLING HOWEVER TO CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH KYPRIANOU IN CYPRUS.

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6. KYPRIANOU WAS SKILFUL, IF DEFENSIVE, IN SEEKING TO AVOID BLAME FOR THE FAILURE. HE INSISTED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND 'MANY GOVERNMENTS' THAT THE SUMMIT WAS INTENDED TO BE A NEGOTIATION. HE HAD DONE HIS BEST TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. IT WAS DENKTASH WHO WAS NOT PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE. HE REMAINED READY TO WORK WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO FIND A WAY FORWARD AND WOULD GLADLY ATTEND A FURTHER HIGH LEVEL MEETING.

7. WE HAD A BRIEF WORD WITH SHERRY AFTERWARDS. HE SAID THAT KYPRIANOUS FINAL PROPOSAL HAD REAL MERIT BUT IT WAS SIMPLY TOO LATE. IF ONLY HE HAD MADE THE OFFER RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING INSTEAD OF TRYING TO PRESS FOR TOO MUCH FOR TOO LONG, THINGS MIGHT HAVE TURNED OUT DIFFERENTLY. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD BEEN INCREDIBLY INEPT. AS A RESULT THEY HAD PROBABLY LOST EVERYTHING THAT HAD BEEN ON OFFER TO THEM FROM THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. DENKTASH WOULD PRESUMABLY GO TO EVREN AND SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN FORCED BY HIM INTO MAKING CONCESSIONS TO NO USEFUL PROPOSE. AFTER THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY GO FOR BROKE ON UDI. THE SECRETARY GENERALS STATEMENT ABOUT A FURTHER MEETING WAS LITTLE MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE.

8. THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS DUE TO FLY TO LONDON THIS EVENING. HE WILL GIVE YOU HIS OWN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED. HE WILL NEED ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT HE CAN GET AS HE STARTS DOWN THE LONG ROAD OF PICKING UP THE PIECES. I FEAR THAT HE IS NOT THE LEAST AMONG THE LOSERS FROM THIS SORRY EPISODE.

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