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SUMMARY.

A PROMPT NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM DENKTASH TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS FOR NEW MEETINGS. A TEMPORISING REPLY FROM PRESIDENT KYRIAKOU

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GENERAL'S PROPOSALS FOR NEW MEETINGS. A TEMPORISING REPLY
FROM PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU.

1. ACTING ON HIS INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH FOLLOW THE LINES OF UKMIS NEW YORK TEL 70 BUT APPEAR TO BE RATHER LESS DETAILED, HOLGER SAW MAVROMMATIS ON 8 FEBRUARY AND ERTEKUN ON 11 FEBRUARY (THE LATTER NOT HAVING BEEN AVAILABLE EARLIER). HOLGER ASKED FOR VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGH LEVEL MEETING IN THE LATTER PART OF MARCH, TO BE PRECEDED BY A LOWER LEVEL MEETING IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH PROBABLY IN GENEVA, WHICH WOULD CONSIDER A NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT. (ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS THE LOWER LEVEL MEETING WOULD BE ATTENDED ON THE UN SIDE BY HOLGER SUPPORTED FROM NEW YORK BY FEISSEL AND PICCO). BOTH MAVROMMATIS AND ERTEKUN SAID THEY WOULD REFER UPWARDS.

2. DENKTASH WAS THE FIRST TO RESPOND. IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO HOLGER SHORTLY AFTER THE APPROACH HE SAID THAT THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF HIM OR ERTEKUN ATTENDING SUCH MEETINGS IN ADVANCE OF ELECTIONS. THE ELECTIONS WERE TO OBTAIN A MANDATE FOR JUST THAT PURPOSE : TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE TO "INSULT HIS PEOPLE". HE HOPED THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD NOT PLACE HIM IN THE DIFFICULT POSITION OF HAVING TO REPLY NEGATIVELY TO A FORMAL INVITATION.

3. MAVROMMATIS, TO WHRMEHOLGER SAID NOTHING OF DENKTASH'S RESPONSE, SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD HOLGER THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD GIVE A REPLY AFTER HE HAD SEEN THE NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT. MAVROMMATIS SOMEWHAT APOLOGETICALLY ALLUDED TO THE SEVERE INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS KYPRIANOU NOW FACED. HOLGER IS ASKING NEW YORK TO EXPEDITE THE DRAFT.

4. KYPRIANOU'S VACILLATION IS UNHELPFUL, AND IT MAY IN DUE COURSE BE NECESSARY TO URGE ON HIM A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE IF THE INTERNAL PRESSURES DO NOT THEMSELVES DO THE TRICK. BUT THE FIRST NEED SEEMS TO BE FOR DENKTASH TO BE SHIFTED FROM HIS PRESENT RIGID POSITION ON WHICH THERE IS A RISK THAT HE WILL GO PUBLIC. NOTHING HE OR ERTEKUN SAID TO HOLGER SUGGESTED THAT IT HAD ANKARA+S BACKING, THOUGH ERTEKUN REFERRED TO THE POWERFUL INTERNAL PRESSURES ON DENKTASH, ESPECIALLY FROM HIS FORMER ALLIES ON THE RIGHT.

5. FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES.