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Cyprus: Call by President Kyprianou

/ I enclose, as requested, a draft
press release for this evening's call.

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The Prime Minister saw the President of the Republic of Cyprus this evening at President Kyprianou's request. Talks lasted half an hour. Discussions centred on the Cyprus problem, in light of the recent purported declaration of an independent state in northern Cyprus by the Turkish Cypriot community. President Kyprianou attached importance to consultations with the British government, bearing in mind that the UK is a co-signatory of the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee. The Prime Minister reiterated that the British Government deplored the declaration and recognised only one Republic of Cyprus, that which is now under the Government of President Kyprianou. HMG deeply regretted the decision of the Turkish Government to extend recognition ~~of the State~~ and hoped that other Governments would not follow suit.

The Prime Minister emphasised the UK's support for the UN Secretary-General in pursuing his mission of good offices in order to achieve a just and lasting settlement in Cyprus. The Prime Minister and President Kyprianou also discussed future policy, including action in the United Nations Security Council, and agreed on the need to avoid anything which might lead to an increase in tension or further deterioration in the situation in Cyprus.

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