



TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

President's Office.

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Your Excellency,

I have just returned from New York after yet another round of talks which the Secretary-General of the United Nations initiated shortly after the State of Northern Cyprus was proclaimed in November 1983. The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting is only weeks away, and I feel it only fair and proper that, as Commonwealth citizens, our position should be heard and understood in the most direct manner on this very important occasion. The Turkish Cypriot community has a population of almost 300,000 living in various Commonwealth countries. Both the UN and the Organisation of Islamic Conference have already made it possible for us to participate in many of their activities, and which in turn has enabled all concerned to examine the issue of Cyprus much more clearly and objectively than hitherto.

I would request that the Commonwealth Heads of Government provide me the opportunity of consulting and addressing them while they are at Nassau to attend the Meeting. I have no doubt that our Greek Cypriot colleagues will recognise this proposal as a major step towards peace and stability in our region.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Rauf R. Denktas)
President.

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