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YOUR TELNO 177 AND NICOSIA TELNO 118: CYPRUS

SUMMARY

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS STICKING TO HIS 21 APRIL DEADLINE, BUT IS FLEXIBLE ABOUT 'FORMALISING' ACCEPTANCE. HE IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HER SUPPORT.

DETAIL

2. I SAW THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TODAY TO CARRY OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR TUR. HE BEGAN BY ASKING ME WARMLY TO CONVEY HIS GREATEST APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOURSELF WITH KYPRIANOU: IT HAD BEEN RIGHT TO STRESS THAT THIS WAS THE LAST CHANCE. I THEN SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED, MAKING CLEAR THAT WE DID NOT SHARE THE GREEK CYPRIOT VIEW THAT THEY HAD BEEN BADLY TREATED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. WE THOUGHT HE SHOULD CARRY ON. I ADDED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT, WHILE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS SEEMED DECIDED UPON ACCEPTING BUT ONLY AFTER THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD REPLIED, THE LATTER WERE ON A KNIFE-EDGE ABOUT THEIR DECISION.

3. PEREZ DE CUELLAR REMARKED THE TROUBLE WAS KYPRIANOU THOUGHT HE WAS SIGNING A TREATY: I AGREED ENTIRELY AND ASKED ABOUT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S IDEAS ON 'FORMALISING ACCEPTANCE' OF THE AGREEMENT, AS HE PROPOSES IN HIS COVERING LETTER TO THE TWO SIDES (NICOSIA TELNO 118). HE REPLIED HE WAS OPEN-MINDED, AND SUGGESTED THAT FOR EXAMPLE HE MIGHT SIMPLY MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT BOTH SIDES ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF 'HIS PAPER'. (PICCO INTERVENED TO WARN ABOUT THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF THE WORD 'BASIS' FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT ACTUAL WORDING WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.)

4. I REPLIED THAT HIS ANSWER COULD PROVE TO BE A GREAT HELP. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, IN ADDITION TO BEING WORRIED ABOUT HAVING TO SIGN, DISLIKED THE WORD 'AGREEMENT' AND PREFERRED 'MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING' OR PERHAPS SOMETHING LIKE 'PAPER'. PEREZ DE CUELLAR REMARKED WITH FEELING: WHY HAD THEY NOT SAID SO BEFORE?

5. I REMARKED THAT KYPRIANOU HAD BEEN CRITICAL IN PARTICULAR OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT VETO POWER IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (PARA 4-3). WE AGREED THAT OUR STAFFS WOULD FOLLOW THIS UP.

6. I THEN SOUNDED HIM OUT ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT PREFERENCE FOR A PRIOR HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON TROOP WITHDRAWALS, GUARANTEES AND THE 3 FREEDOMS (PARA 11 OF FCO TELNO 178). HE REPLIED THAT HE INTENDED TO STICK TO HIS DEADLINE OF 21 APRIL FOR ACCEPTANCE, BUT WAS WILLING

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TO CONVENE A HIGH LEVEL MEETING, FOR EXAMPLE AS EARLY AS JUNE AND IN WHATEVER MANNER THE PARTIES WISHED. I OBSERVED THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT AGREE TO ATTEND UNLESS THE AGENDA WERE BALANCED BY SOME OF THEIR CONCERNS.

7. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID HE WAS GLAD ABOUT THE NEW FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO ACT: HE HAD ASKED THEM TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON PAPANDEOU (REDUCED THOUGH IT NOW WAS). PICCO TOLD US AFTER THE MEETING THAT IN THE FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE PAPANDEOU/KYPRIANOU MEETING ON 16 APRIL THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE 'TURNING ALL THEIR GUNS' ON THE LATTER, BUT GAVE NO DETAILS. HE ADDED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT WISH FOR A PRIOR HIGH LEVEL MEETING (PARA 11 OF FCO TELNO 178) COULD PROBABLY BE MET, BUT NOT IN THE NAKED MANNER KYPRIANOU SUGGESTED.

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