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1. ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED A TRIGGER TELEPHONE CALL, PLEASE PASS IN CONFIDENCE TO KYPRIANOU, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THIS EVENING'S MEETING WITH PAPANDREOU, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:
BEGINS AT OUR MEETING ON 7 APRIL YOU ASKED ME TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE COULD BE TAKEN FORWARD AND FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF CERTAIN OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S FRAMEWORK PROPOSALS AND POSSIBLE PROCEDURES INVOLVING ACCEPTANCE OF THEM.

I HAVE NATURALLY GIVEN THIS A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT AND WRITE NOW IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE IN THE HOPE OF HELPING TO PROMOTE THE SETTLEMENT WE ALL DESIRE. AS YOU KNOW, IT IS MY JUDGEMENT THAT WE HAVE REACHED A CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THE UN INITIATIVE. FAILURE NOW CARRIES GREAT RISKS FOR OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF A UNIFIED CYPRUS. IT IS THEREFORE VITAL THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS GIVEN A POSITIVE RESPONSE BY BOTH PARTIES THOUGH IT APPEARS TO ME THERE COULD BE SOME FLEXIBILITY ON HOW (UNDERLINED) THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS OF COURSE NOT DEFINED WHAT HE MEANS BY QUOTE FORMAL ENDORSEMENT UNQUOTE OF THE DOCUMENTATION BY THE PARTIES. MY VIEW IS THAT HIS REQUIREMENTS FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE WOULD BE SATISFIED IF BOTH PARTIES WROTE TO HIM IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENABLE HIM TO SAY PUBLICLY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED EACH SIDE'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT.

I KNOW THAT ONE OF YOUR MAIN CONCERNS IS THAT YOU WILL BE COMMITTED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK PROPOSALS EVEN IF AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVE POSSIBLE ON THE OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES, PARTICULARLY ON GUARANTEES AND TROOP WITHDRAWALS. I WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST YOU MIGHT WRITE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL EXPLAINING THAT YOU ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY COMMIT BOTH SIDES TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURES SET OUT IN THE DOCUMENT AND THAT THE ULTIMATE COMMITMENT WILL DEPEND ON ALL THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES, INCLUDING TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND GUARANTEES, BEING RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY. YOU MAY WISH TO PROPOSE, THOUGH WITHOUT MAKING IT A CONDITION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE, THAT THESE ISSUES BE DISCUSSED AT AN EARLY STAGE IN THE FORUM OF A HIGH LEVEL MEETING.

I AM ACUTELY AWARE OF YOUR GENUINE AND DEEPLY HELD CONCERNS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF YOUR PEOPLE AND OF CYPRUS. I BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THERE CAN AND MUST BE A PEACEFUL, JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF ALL. WE SHOULD NOT RISK LOSING THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE THAT. THE WAY AHEAD WILL BE DIFFICULT AND CALL FOR RESERVES OF POLITICAL COURAGE AND STATESMANSHIP ON ALL SIDES WILL BE REQUIRED. BUT I AM SURE THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE. I CERTAINLY REMAIN WILLING TO DO ALL I CAN IN SUPPORT OF THE UN INITIATIVE AND TO HELP OUR GOOD FRIENDS IN CYPRUS, TURKEY AND GREECE TO ACHIEVE AN HISTORIC SETTLEMENT.

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