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Dear Charles,

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Call on Mrs Chalker by the Cyprus High Commissioner

Thank you for your letter of 1 July warning us of the Cyprus High Commissioner's call about the Foreign Affairs Committee report on Cyprus.

Mr Panayides called on 2 July, and asked us to clarify HMG's policy on four points, for the record:

- (a) that the report reflected the views and recommendations of the Committee, not those of HMG;
- (b) that Britain recognised only the Republic, whose Head of State was President Kyprianou;
- (c) that HMG was committed to the achievement of customs union between Cyprus and the EC;
- (d) that HMG did not recognise the so-called "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus".

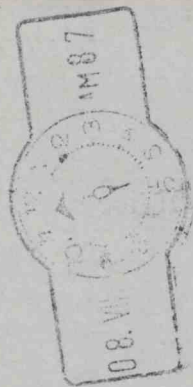
Mrs Chalker reassured the High Commissioner on all four points, and said we would be making them clear to the press and parliament. Our High Commissioner in Nicosia would be instructed to call on the President to confirm what she had told Mr Panayides.

We have since heard from Nicosia that reaction in the Greek Cypriot press so far has been muted and the FCO's comments have been published with apparent approval. The English language press in particular has pointed out that there are aspects of the report that will be unwelcome to the Turkish side.

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