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SUMMARY

1. UNSG'S PROPOSALS LEAKED IN GREEK-CYPRIOT PRESS. SUPPORT FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY VASSILIOU FROM THE TWO BIGGEST GREEK-CYPRIOT POLITICAL PARTIES.

DETAIL

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S PROPOSALS WERE LEAKED IN THE GREEK-CYPRIOT PRESS LATE LAST WEEK. THE LEAKS WERE ACCURATE EXCEPT AS REGARDS DATES FOR THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN VASSILIOU AND DENKTASH.

3. PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNSG'S PROPOSALS FOR RESUMING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS HAS BEEN GIVEN BY DESY (CLERIDES), AKEL (COMMUNIST), AND THE LIBERALS (ROLANDIS). DEKO (KYPRIANOU) AND EDEK (LYSSARIDES) HAVE OPPOSED UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE, STRESSING THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE THREE BASIS ISSUES OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

4. CAMILION WAS NOT ABLE TO GAIN THE TWO SIDES' FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNSG'S PROPOSALS BEFORE VASSILIOU LEFT FOR NEW YORK ON 28 MAY. THE PROSPECTS REMAIN GOOD FOR ACCEPTANCE, AND FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS AND THE UNSG IN GENEVA, POSSIBLY IN EARLY JULY.

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