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CYPRUS: VASSILIOU'S CALL ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SUMMARY

1. GOOD FIRST MEETING BETWEEN VASSILIOU AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

DETAIL

2. PRESIDENT VASSILIOU CALLED ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 31 MAY ACCOMPANIED BY IACOVOU. IT WAS THEIR FIRST MEETING, AND INCLUDED 15 MINUTES TETE A TETE.

3. PEREZ DE CUELLAR TOLD ME AFTERWARDS HE THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN A VERY GOOD MEETING. VASSILIOU WAS A REFRESHING CHANGE FROM KYPRIANOU. HE HAD SAID HE WISHED TO ESTABLISH DIRECT PERSONAL LINKS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHO COMMENTED TO ME THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO RESPOND.

4. THE SECRETARIAT TOLD US SEPARATELY THAT VASSILIOU HAD EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO PUSH AHEAD AND ACHIEVE CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE PROPOSED TALKS. HE HAD ALSO SPOKEN WARMLY OF THE DAVOS PROCESS. APPARENTLY FOR USE WITH DOUBTERS AT HOME, HE HAD ASKED FOR A REASSURANCE THAT TALKS WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS MEANT THAT THE MARCH 1986 DOCUMENT WAS NO LONGER ON THE TABLE: THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD SAID THAT NO PRE-CONDITIONS MEANT PRECISELY THAT. VASSILIOU HAD NOT ASKED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRY TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH OZAL IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK, BUT HAD COMMENTED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE A GOOD THING.

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