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CYPRUS TALKS

1. FOLLOWING SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 23 AUGUST, VASSILIOU AND DENKTASH (WHO WERE BOTH UNACCOMPANIED) MET FOR THE FIRST TIME AT LUNCH ON 24 AUGUST HOSTED BY PEREZ DE CUELLAR, ATTENDED ALSO BY CAMILION AND GOULDING.
2. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER THE LUNCH:

BEGINS:-

A LUNCHEON WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL GAVE TODAY FOR THE LEADERS OF THE TWO SIDES IN CYPRUS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO BECOME ACQUAINTED AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS BOTH LEADERS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE 1977 AND 1979 HIGH-LEVEL AGREEMENTS AND RECALLED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OPENING STATEMENT OF 1980, THE EVALUATION DOCUMENT OF 1981 AND THE VIENNA WORKING POINTS OF 1984 AND ACCORDINGLY EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE A DETERMINED AND SUSTAINED EFFORT BY BOTH SIDES, AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. THEY RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO SHOW RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S CONCERNS AND TO DISCUSS WITH GOODWILL HOW THESE CONCERNS COULD BE MET.

THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONDITIONS AND TO ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE BY 1 JUNE 1989 A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. BOTH CONFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES ENTRUSTED TO HIM BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND WELCOMED HIS INTENTION TO LAUNCH TALKS WITHOUT DELAY. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT THE TALKS WOULD START AT 11.00 AM ON 15 SEPTEMBER AT THE LEDRA PALACE HOTEL IN NICOSIA. THEY RECOGNISED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THESE TALKS DEPENDED ON THEIR PERSONAL AND CONTINUOUS INVOLVEMENT AND AGREED TO MEET FREQUENTLY, BEGINNING WITH A FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN THEM AT THE RESIDENCE OF

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NICOSIA ON 16 SEPTEMBER. THEY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MEET HIM IN NEW YORK AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF MEETINGS IN NICOSIA TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED DURING THIS INITIAL STAGE.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LUNCHEON, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THEIR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, WHICH THEY FELT HAD CREATED A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR FINDING A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

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