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Report of the Secretary-General

1. In my recent reports to the General Assembly (A/35/161 of 2 April 1980) and to the Security Council (S/13972 of 3 June 1980), and in my statement to the Security Council on 13 June 1980, 1/ I reported on my efforts to bring about a resumption of the intercommunal negotiations in Cyprus which had been recessed, in consultation with the parties, on 22 June 1979. In pursuance of the mission of good offices entrusted to me by the Security Council, I and my representatives have since continued those efforts, both at United Nations Headquarters and in Cyprus.
2. On 6 August 1980 my Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Gobbi, reported to me that agreement had been reached by the two parties to resume the talks formally on 9 August. At that meeting, held at the United Nations Ledra Palace conference area, the Greek Cypriot community was represented by Mr. George Ioannides, who was assisted by Mrs. Stella Soulioti and Mr. Michael Triantafyllides; the Turkish Cypriot community was represented by Mr. Umit Suleiman Onan, who was assisted by Mr. Necati Munir Ertekun and Mr. Mumtaz Soysal. My Special Representative, after some welcoming words, delivered an opening statement on my behalf (see annex). It was agreed that the substantive phase of the talks would begin in Nicosia on 16 September, with meetings scheduled normally on Tuesdays.
3. I am gratified at the fact that the persistent difficulties that had stood in the way of a resumption of the intercommunal negotiating process have at last been overcome. Although I do not underestimate the obstacles still to be surmounted, I hope that this development will clear the way to progress towards a freely negotiated, just and lasting political settlement of the Cyprus problem. To this end I shall continue to make available my good offices, and I shall count on the continuing co-operation of the parties, on whom the success of the search for an agreed settlement of the problem ultimately depends.

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ANNEX

A. Text of the opening statement of the Secretary-General

I note that both parties have indicated their readiness to resume the intercommunal talks, which were recessed in consultation with the parties on 22 June 1979, and to do so within the framework of the good offices mission entrusted to the Secretary-General by the Security Council and on the basis of the high-level agreements of 12 February 1977 and 19 May 1979.

Both parties have, in this regard, signified their intention to carry out the resumed talks in a continuing and sustained manner, to get down to concrete negotiations, discussing constructively, and giving full consideration to, all aspects of the Cyprus problem. In this connexion, I should like to outline the Secretary-General's understanding of the common ground that was worked out in the course of consultations which have taken place over the past several months:

(a) Both parties have reaffirmed the validity of the high-level agreements of 12 February 1977 and 19 May 1979;

(b) Both parties have reaffirmed their support for a federal solution of the constitutional aspect and a bizonal solution of the territorial aspect of the Cyprus problem;

(c) Both parties have indicated that the matter of security can be raised and discussed in the intercommunal talks. It is understood that this matter will be discussed, having regard to certain practical difficulties which may arise for the Turkish Cypriot community, as well as to the security of Cyprus as a whole;

(d) Both parties have appealed to the Secretary-General for the continuation of the intercommunal talks.

The practical implementation of the concepts in (b) and (c) above will be dealt with in the context of the substantive consideration of the constitutional and territorial aspects and will be reflected in the substantive positions and proposals of the parties concerning the various items of the agenda.

Concerning the matters to be discussed, the Secretary-General understands, on the basis of the 19 May agreement, that these will include the following subjects:

(a) Reaching agreement on the resettlement of Varosha under United Nations auspices, in accordance with the provisions of point 5 of the 19 May agreement;

(b) Initial practical measures by both sides to promote goodwill, mutual confidence and the return to normal conditions, in accordance with the provisions of point 6, which states that special importance will be given to this matter;

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- (c) Constitutional aspects;
- (d) Territorial aspects.

Concerning procedure, it is understood that the four items above should be dealt with concurrently in rotation at consecutive meetings. At an appropriate early stage, committees or working groups will be set up by the interlocutors.

B. Welcoming remarks by the Special Representative
of the Secretary-General

I would like to thank both communities for their important co-operation, which has made possible the resumption of the talks.

I am convinced that the talks will be held in a constructive spirit and, as I mentioned in the statement upon my arrival in Cyprus last May, I am not unaware of the experiences and frustrations of the past, nor do I ignore the current difficulties, but I believe in the chemistry of dialogue for overcoming such difficulties and dissolving differences. It will serve no useful purpose to be prisoners of the pessimistic atmosphere of the past. On the contrary, we should look ahead with perseverance and hope.

I am also strongly convinced, as the Secretary-General has said, that the resumption of the talks will clear the way towards a just and lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem.
