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2012TH MEETING

Held in New York on Wednesday, 15 June 1977, at 11.30 p.m.

President: Mr. William H. BARTON (Canada).

Present: The representatives of the following States: Benin, Canada, China, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, India, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2012)

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. The situation in Cyprus:

 Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/12342 and Add.1)

The meeting was called to order at 11.55 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

1. The PRESIDENT: First, and very briefly, considering the very short time available, I should like to pay a tribute to my predecessor, the representative of Benin, who showed me how well things can be handled. I hope I can do as well.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/12342 and Add.1)

2. The PRESIDENT: I have received letters from the representatives of Cyprus, Turkey and Greece, in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the question on the agenda. I therefore propose, in conformity with the provisions of Article 31 of the Charter and rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure and in accordance with the usual practice, to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Z. Rossides (Cyprus), Mr. I. Türkmen (Turkey) and Mr. G. Papoulias (Greece) took places at the Council table.

3. The PRESIDENT: I should like to recall that, on previous occasions when the Council has considered this

issue, members have agreed that an invitation should be extended, in accordance with rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure, to Mr. Vedat Çelik. I understand from our consultations of yesterday that members of the Council wish to follow the same procedure this time. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Council decides to extend an invitation to Mr. Çelik under rule 39 and, at the appropriate time, I shall invite him to take a seat at the Council table and to make his statement.

It was so decided.

- 4. The PRESIDENT: The report of the Secretary-General [S/12342 and Add.1] concerns the United Nations operation in Cyprus for the period 7 December 1976 to 7 June 1977, I should like also to draw attention to the report of the Secretary-General in pursuance of paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 401 (1976) [S/12323]. In addition, the Council has before it a draft resolution [S/12346] drawn up in the course of consultations among its members.
- 5. I propose now, if I hear no objection, to put the draft resolution to the vote immediately.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

The draft resolution was adopted by 14 votes to none.1

One member (China) did not participate in the voting.

- 6. The PRESIDENT: The Secretary-General has indicated a wish to speak following the adoption of the draft resolution. I now call on him.
- 7. The SECRETARY—GENERAL: I have taken careful note of the resolution which the Council has just adopted. I wish to assure the Council that I will do my utmost to give effect to its decisions. As far as UNFICYP is concerned, the necessary arrangements will be made for the continuance of its functioning for the next six months.
- 8. The resolution just adopted—just in time—also requests me to continue the mission of good offices entrusted to me by the Council in resolution 367 (1975). I have reported fully to the Council on my efforts so far, most recently in the current report and also in my report of 30 April 1977 [S/12323]. My Special Representative in Cyprus and I shall continue our efforts to assist the negotiations between the representatives of the two communities. I continue to

¹ See resolution 410 (1977).

believe that these negotiations are the best available method of achieving a just and lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem. I hope that the current series of meetings being held under the auspices of my Special Representative at Nicosia will be effective in clearing the way for substantive negotiations on all issues at the next full round of talks.

9. I wish to draw the special attention of the Council to the paragraphs of my report relating to the financial situation of UNFICYP. The deficit now stands at \$54.1 million. It is, therefore, more necessary than ever to find means of improving the financial situation. I shall continue my own efforts in this regard and I should be most grateful for the active co-operation of the members of the Council in solving this very urgent problem, which in the present circumstances throws a heavy burden upon a very small number of States.

10. I shall keep the Council fully informed of my efforts to carry out the tasks which it has entrusted to me.

The meeting rose on Thursday, 16 June, at 12.05 a.m.