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SECURITY COUNCIL CALLS ON LEADERS OF CYPRUS COMMUNITIES TO COOPERATE FULLY
WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL SO 30 MARCH TALKS CAN MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS

Following consultations held today, the President of the Security Council, Terence Christopher O'Brien (New Zealand), made the following statement to the press:

The members of the Security Council have reviewed the situation related to the Secretary-General's mission of good offices in Cyprus.

The members of the Council welcomed the acceptance by the two leaders of the Secretary-General's invitation to attend a joint meeting on 30 March to discuss the timing, modalities and preparation for the resumption of substantive direct negotiations as mandated by the Security Council.

The members of the Council reaffirmed their position that the present status quo is not acceptable and that a mutually acceptable overall framework agreement should be achieved without delay on the basis of the Set of Ideas which have been endorsed by the Security Council.

The members of the Council called on the leaders of the two communities in Cyprus to manifest their goodwill by cooperating fully with the Secretary-General so that the substantive direct negotiations which are due to resume shortly will result in significant progress.

The members of the Council reaffirmed their determination to remain seized of the Cyprus question on an ongoing basis and to lend their active support to the Secretary-General's effort.

The members of the Council request the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the outcome of the 30 March meeting.

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