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THIRD INTERIM REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PURSUANT TO
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 370 (1975)

1. This report is submitted in pursuance of paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 370 (1975) of 13 June 1975, in which the Security Council requested me to continue the mission of good offices entrusted to me by paragraph 6 of resolution 367 (1975) of 12 March, to keep the Council informed of the progress made, and to submit an interim report by 15 September and a definitive report not later than 15 December 1975. The Council will recall that on 5 August and 10 September I submitted interim reports (S/11789 and Add.1) which referred to the rounds of negotiations held in Vienna from 31 July to 2 August 1975 and in New York from 8 to 10 September 1975, and gave the texts of the press communiqués issued on those occasions. An account of the two earlier rounds of negotiations pursuant to resolution 367 (1975), held in Vienna from 28 April to 3 May and from 5 to 7 June 1975, is contained in my report of 9 June 1975 (S/11717, paras. 50-53 and 66-68).
2. With reference to the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the third round of negotiations in Vienna on 2 August, I have followed with the greatest attention developments in Cyprus relating to the agreements contained in that communiqué, and my Special Representative and the Force Commander of UNFICYP have made every effort to assist in the implementation of those provisions of the agreements which called for action by UNFICYP.
3. The status of the implementation of the various provisions of the Vienna communiqué is summarized below.
4. As of 7 September, 8,033 Turkish Cypriots had been moved, with UNFICYP assistance, at their own wish, to the north, which completed that transfer operation. Concerning the return of certain Greek Cypriots to the north, 296 had been transferred, also with UNFICYP assistance, as of 12 September, and 14 more, including 8 teachers, were due to be moved on 16 September. In addition, 149 Greek Cypriots had been permitted to move to the south. There has been limited progress towards improvement of the living conditions of Greek Cypriots in the north, and I hope that further improvement will shortly be achieved to enable those people to lead a normal life, including freedom of movement in the north.
5. Some progress has also been reported in providing free and normal access by UNFICYP to Greek Cypriot villages and habitations in the north. In addition to frequent visits by UNFICYP teams, four liaison posts have been established for

this purpose in the Karpass, and pending agreement for liaison posts in the Kyrenia District, regular visits by UNFICYP are taking place there. UNFICYP remains in close contact with the Turkish Cypriot and Turkish military authorities with a view to achieving full implementation of the Vienna agreements. I attach great importance to the validity of those agreements being respected by all concerned.

6. As regards the further examination of the powers and functions of a federal government, preliminary separate contacts with the two negotiators were held by my Special Representative in Nicosia.

7. The Vienna communiqué of 2 August 1975 contained a number of important elements relating to the continuation of the negotiations. Concerning the geographical aspects of a future settlement, the communiqué contains the following provision:

"A discussion of the geographical aspects of a future settlement of the Cyprus problem took place. It was agreed that Mr. Clerides and Mr. Denktash would have further private talks on this subject prior to the fourth round of the Cyprus talks with a view to preparing the discussion of this matter which will take place at that time."

These private talks did not take place and the proposals expected by Mr. Clerides were not forthcoming. Despite strenuous efforts during the fourth round of talks, it did not prove possible to make further progress. None the less, I remain convinced that the negotiations held in pursuance of Security Council resolutions 367 (1975) and 370 (1975) still provide the best method by which progress can be made towards a settlement. I hope that renewed efforts will be made in the near future to overcome the present difficulties and to resume constructive negotiations on the outstanding obstacles in the way of a peaceful and lasting settlement in Cyprus.

8. I have also noted with satisfaction that the interlocutors intend to remain in close touch with one another and with UNFICYP in relation to day-to-day problems. In the interest of making progress towards an agreed settlement, I appeal to all concerned to refrain from actions which might either prejudice the negotiating process or render it more difficult. In pursuance of the mandate entrusted to me by the Security Council, I shall remain in contact with the parties in a continued attempt to make progress on this very important problem.
