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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2868th meeting of the Security Council, held on 9 June 1989, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "The situation in Cyprus", the President of the Security Council made the following statement:

"The members of the Security Council welcome and reaffirm their support for the direct talks launched in August 1988 under the auspices of the Secretary-General in the context of his mission of good offices in Cyprus. They express appreciation to the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for their untiring efforts to achieve progress.

"The members note that twenty-five years have elapsed since the establishment of UNFICYP. They regret that, in that time, it has not been possible to achieve a negotiated settlement of all aspects of the Cyprus problem.

"The members, taking into account the importance of the current stage of the talks, urge both parties to redouble their efforts, be flexible and lend the fullest support and co-operation to the efforts of the Special Representative in Cyprus towards achieving a negotiated, just and lasting settlement.

"The members also warmly welcome the unmanning of military positions which has recently taken place, and urge the two parties to consider further steps in co-operation with United Nations authorities aimed at reducing tension, avoiding incidents and creating a climate of good will, as well as maintaining an atmosphere conducive to a settlement.

"The members take note of the Secretary-General's intention to meet with the two parties at the end of June, and share the Secretary-General's hope that the meeting will bear positive results. They appeal to the parties concerned to co-operate with the Secretary-General in order to achieve substantial progress in the direction of an overall settlement."