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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2898th meeting of the Security Council, held on 14 December 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 on behalf of the members:

"The members of the Security Council take note of the Secretary-General's report 1/ on the United Nations operation in Cyprus and express their full support for his continuing efforts in pursuing the initiative launched in August 1988.

"The members recall the statement made on their behalf by the President of the Council on 9 June 1989, 2/ in which they expressed their regret that, in the more than 25 years since the establishment of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), it had not been possible to achieve a negotiated settlement of all aspects of the Cyprus problem.

"The members note the Secretary-General's assessment that a basis for effective negotiations exists provided both leaders manifest the necessary good will and recognize that a viable solution must satisfy the legitimate interests of both communities.

"The members also share the Secretary-General's disappointment that it has not been possible to achieve concrete results to date in developing an agreed outline of an overall agreement. In this regard, they share the Secretary-General's hope that direct and meaningful talks can be resumed early next year.

1/ S/21010 and Add.1.

2/ S.20682.

"The members urge both leaders to proceed as suggested by the Secretary-General during their most recent meetings and, as agreed in June, to co-operate with him and his Special Representative in completing work on an outline. The members also urge the two parties to make a further determined effort to promote reconciliation. They share the Secretary-General's view that the adoption of good will measures could prove useful in this regard.

"The members are concerned by the difficulties encountered by UNFICYP during the last mandate period. They call on all parties to co-operate with UNFICYP and to take effective measures to ensure that the integrity of the buffer zone is safeguarded.

"The members also note the continuing financial difficulties facing UNFICYP as indicated by the Secretary-General. They take note of his appeal for greater financial contributions to UNFICYP, which would help it continue its important peace-keeping role in Cyprus and would reduce its financial difficulties.

"The members request the Secretary-General to report back to the Council by 1 March 1990 on what progress has been made in resuming intensive talks and developing an agreed outline of an overall agreement."

