

Cyprus

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

19 May 2010

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 5 March 2010 in which you requested the support of the United Nations in conducting a study of the possible restoration of Varosha. I have asked my Special Adviser on Cyprus, Mr. Alexander Downer to discuss this and other such outstanding issues with you.

As we recently discussed over the phone, the Cyprus talks under the auspices of the United Nations are at a critical point. I agree with you that the progress to date in the talks should be safeguarded. The United Nations will continue to support the negotiations based on the agreed United Nations parameters.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


BAN/Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Dimitris Christofias
President of the Republic of Cyprus
Nicosia

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The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Minas A. Hadjimichael
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations
New York

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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a letter addressed to H.E. Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus.

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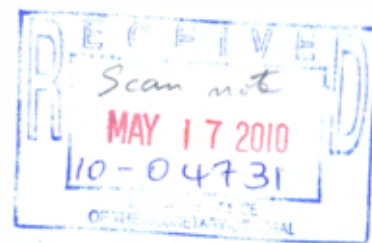
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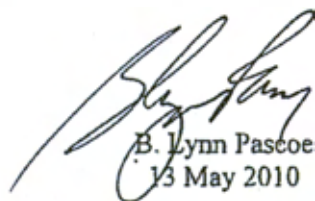
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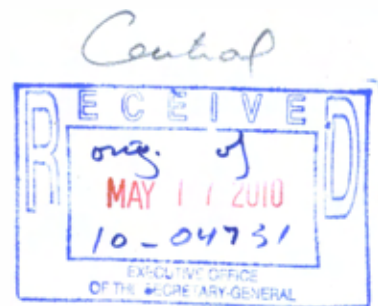
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B. Lynn Pascoe
13 May 2010

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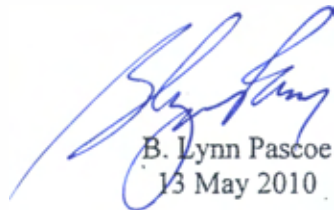


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REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
The President

19 April 2010

Your Excellency, *Dear Mr Secretary General*

Following the completion of the voting process among the Turkish Cypriot community in which Mr. Mehmet Ali Talat (whom initial analysis suggests was the preference of indigenous Turkish Cypriots) lost to Mr. Dervis Eroglu (who was supported by the vote of illegal Turkish settlers), I take the opportunity to write to you in order to express my determination to continue the negotiation process on the existing basis and to share with you certain worries and concerns. The basis of the negotiations can be no other than a bizonal, bicommunal federation with political equality as this is defined in relevant Security Council Resolutions and with a single sovereignty, single international personality and single citizenship.

My worries stem from the fact that the new leader of the Turkish Cypriot community and new negotiator has been, not only pre-electoral but also long-term, advocating positions which caused concerns to the United Nations, to the European Commission but also to us. My own personal concerns are on the following two issues: Firstly, that the flexibility showed concerning the international contacts of Mr. Talat, at times excessive, meant to assist him to win again the leadership of the Turkish Cypriot community, should in no way now become an excuse for undermining the internationally recognized sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus, a matter on which we have to be particularly vigilant. Secondly, it is important that there is no regression in the negotiations and that hard-won common ground has to be safeguarded. My political will to continue the negotiation process until we reach a successful outcome is strong and deeply rooted.

Mr. Secretary-General,

I take this opportunity, also, to clarify my position on the question of an International Conference that is currently occupying the minds of certain diplomats, journalists and politicians.

His Excellency
Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General of the United Nations.

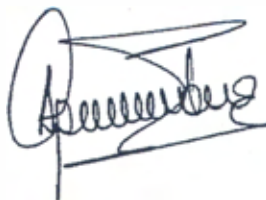
Such an International Conference should comprise the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Permanent Members of the Security Council, the European Union, Greece and Turkey as Guarantor Powers and the Republic of Cyprus, member state of the UN and a signatory of the International Treaties under discussion. The subject of the Agenda of such a conference should be the international aspects of the Cyprus problem, namely, the illegal military occupation of part of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey, the illegal colonization of occupied territories and the future security of the reunified federal republic.

The idea that such an International Conference is presumed to occupy itself with all aspects of the Cyprus problem contradicts the content of UN Security Council Resolutions since 1974. Questions about the future structure of the federal Cyprus state must be dealt with in the negotiations which are of Cypriot ownership. The International Conference "at an appropriate time" should deal with the international aspects of the Cyprus problem such as Security and Guarantees, settlers, etc.

Mr. Secretary-General,

I would like to reconfirm my dedication to continuing the inter-communal negotiations and to pursuing a successful outcome which will reunite Cyprus and its people on the basis of UN Resolutions and in accordance with International Law. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for your continuing interest and for your efforts and those of the U.N. in general, to make the negotiating process successful.

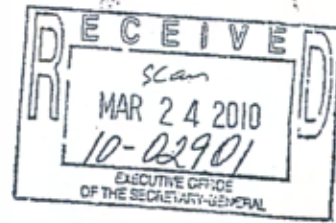
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Demetris Christofias
President of the Republic of Cyprus

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Nicosia, 5 March 2010

Excellency,

In our efforts towards the reunification of Cyprus, goodwill measures that further strengthen the cooperation between the two communities and build confidence are vital, especially when they are also endorsed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions. Specifically, I am referring to the return of the fenced-off area of the city of Famagusta (widely known as Varosha), in a legitimate manner, for the benefit of both communities.

The recent European Parliament Resolution on Turkey's Progress Report of 2009 explicitly calls on the Turkish Government to "*facilitate a suitable climate for negotiations by immediately starting to withdraw its forces from Cyprus, by addressing the issue of the settlement of Turkish citizens on the island and also by enabling the return of the sealed-off section of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants in compliance with Resolution 550(1984) of the United Nations Security Council.*"

It should be recalled that the return of Varosha to its legal inhabitants has been raised since the 1979 High-Level Agreement between the leaders of the two communities, which stated that "*After agreement on Varosha (the return of the lawful inhabitants of the fenced-off area of Famagusta) has been reached it will be implemented without awaiting the outcome of the discussion on other aspects of the Cyprus problem.*"

The return of Varosha under United Nations auspices and its resettlement by its lawful inhabitants has been a long overdue obligation of Turkey emanating from mandatory provisions of United Nations Security Council resolutions. Specifically, UNSC Resolution 550 (1984) noted that it is "*Deeply concerned about recent threats for settlement of Varosha by people other than its inhabitants [...] Considers attempts to settle any part of Varosha by people other than its inhabitants as inadmissible and calls for the transfer of this area to the administration of the UN.*" In the same vein, UNSC Resolution 789 (1992) urged "*That with a view to the implementation of UNSC Res. 550 (1984), the area at present under the control of the Force [UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus] will be extended to include Varosha.*"

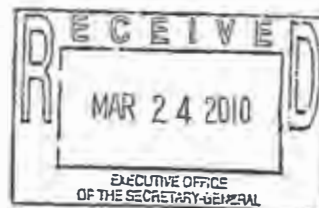
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*Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Cyprus
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18 March 2010

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a letter by the President of the Republic of Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Demetris Christofias, addressed to you, concerning the fenced-off area of the city of Famagusta, also known as Varosha.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Miroslav A. Hadjimichael

His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
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