



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

14 September 2016

Excellency,

The past year has seen unprecedented developments on the Cyprus issue, due to the diligent and substantial work that you have carried out with the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Mustafa Akıncı. I particularly commend the determination and steadfast commitment that you have demonstrated in the course of the past few months towards reaching the ultimate goal of a comprehensive settlement to bring long overdue peace to the island.

My Special Adviser, Mr. Espen Barth Eide, has informed me that, following the summer break, you and your counterpart have engaged in a crucial phase of intensive and comprehensive negotiations. During this period, you have discussed issues across all chapters. I understand that, through such determined and committed engagement, the talks have made substantive progress on a range of topics.

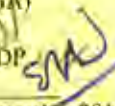
These encouraging developments underscore the need to continue to drive the process forward. This is all the more important, considering the aim of reaching a comprehensive settlement within 2016 that you and Mr. Akıncı jointly announced in your statement on 15 May 2016. It is with this in mind that I would like to invite you and Mr. Akıncı to a joint meeting hosted by me in New York on Sunday, 25 September 2016. The meeting will provide an opportunity to take stock of the progress achieved to date and to chart the way forward.

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



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