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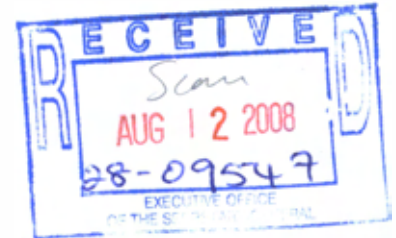
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THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Your Excellency,

I would like to congratulate you upon the assumption of the very important, as well as difficult position of Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for Cyprus.

Since the unsuccessful end of the Annan Plan in April 2004, Greece has consistently supported efforts to resume intercommunal negotiations, without any artificial deadlines and arbitration which were tried and proved counter-productive in the past. Therefore, Greece warmly welcomes the decision reached by President Christofias and Turkish-Cypriot leader Talat to start fully-fledged negotiations on 3 September 2008, under the good offices mission of the UN Secretary General.

His Excellency
Mr. Alexander Downer
Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General
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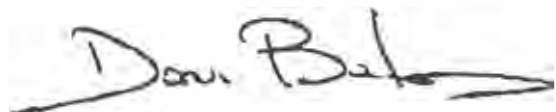
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We must all take full advantage of the window of opportunity which is now opening, in order to support the two Cypriot communities' effort to end the unacceptable division of the island and its people. An agreed solution can, and must be reached, on the basis of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, EU principles and values, as well as agreements reaffirming the commitment of the two communities to a bizonal, bicomunal federation, with political equality, in the context of a single sovereignty, citizenship and international personality.

I look forward to our close cooperation and would like to assure you of our determination to assist you in your challenging task.

Yours Sincerely



Dora Bakoyannis

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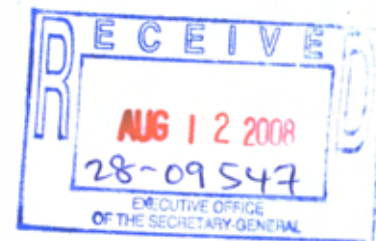


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The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to forward herewith a letter by Her Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mrs. Dora Bakoyannis, addressed to His Excellency the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Cyprus, Mr. Alexander Downer.

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations has the further honor to request the kind assistance of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in forwarding the aforementioned letter to its high destination.

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, August 8, 2008



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