



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 16 October 2016. The Cyprus talks are now at a critical juncture. As announced on 26 October 2016 by my Special Adviser on Cyprus, Mr. Espen Barth Eide, the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders have agreed to continue the Cyprus talks in Mont Pèlerin, Switzerland, from 7 to 11 November 2016. The meeting will concentrate on the chapter of territory, as well as all other outstanding issues interdependently.

Importantly, the leaders have expressed the hope that their meeting in Switzerland will pave the way for the last phase of the talks in line with their shared commitment to do their utmost in order to reach a settlement in 2016. I will attend the opening of this crucial meeting in Mont Pèlerin on 7 November 2016, and I look forward to discussing with the leaders the state of play in the talks and their expectations about the next steps.

These positive developments, and the critical days and weeks ahead, underscore once again the need for increasing international support to the process. In this respect, Turkey, as well as the other Guarantor Powers, Greece and the United Kingdom, has a particularly important role to play. In fact, we are getting close to the time when the direct involvement of the Guarantor Powers shall be required.

I trust that I can count on the continued support of the Republic of Turkey to the Cyprus negotiations in the crucial days and weeks ahead.

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

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