

REPORT ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION

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PROGRESS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS
QUESTION COVERING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER
30, 1999, PURSUANT TO 22 U.S.C. 2373(c)



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
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Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with Public Law 95-384 (22 U.S.C. 2373(c)), I submit to you this report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question covering the period October 1 to November 30, 1999. The previous submission covered events during August and September 1999.

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan announced on November 13 the start of proximity talks in New York on December 3 to work towards a resolution to the long-standing Cyprus dispute. The goal of these talks is to prepare the ground for meaningful negotiations leading to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

This welcome news was highlighted during my trip to Turkey and Greece from November 15-20 as a positive step toward bringing about a just and lasting solution for all Cypriots and improving Greek-Turkish relations for a more secure southern Europe.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

PRESIDENT'S BIMONTHLY REPORT ON CYPRUS—OCTOBER—NOVEMBER
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Thomas G. Weston, the Special Coordinator for Cyprus, met with Turkish Cypriot Representative Tahsin Ertugruloglu on October 4 to discuss the Cyprus situation and prospects for talks. Mr. Weston urged the Turkish Cypriots to come to negotiations this fall without preconditions.

On October 5, Special Presidential Emissary for Cyprus Alfred H. Moses met with Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Gregory Niotis in Washington. They exchanged views on the Cyprus dispute and possible steps to move the settlement process forward.

Ambassador Moses received the Frizis Award of the Hellenic Leadership Conference in Washington on October 6. In addressing the annual dinner, Ambassador Moses underscored the United States commitment to a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus dispute.

On October 14, U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Donald K. Bandler met with Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash. Ambassador Bandler underscored the importance of resolving the Cyprus dispute and emphasized that the goal of negotiations is a just and lasting settlement that addresses the needs of both sides.

Mr. Weston traveled to London, Bonn, and Brussels from October 11–13 to meet with key European officials regarding the Cyprus issue. He then traveled to Ankara on October 14 to join Ambassador Moses in two meetings with President Demirel, Prime Minister Ecevit, Foreign Minister Cem, and MFA Deputy Under Secretary for Cyprus Logoglu. Ambassador Moses and Mr. Weston went on to Athens on October 18 to meet with Foreign Minister Papandreou. They concluded their trip in Nicosia from October 19–21 where they had a series of separate meetings with President Clerides and Mr. Denktash and discussed the prospects for resolving the Cyprus dispute through UN-sponsored talks.

Mr. Weston traveled to Berlin, Stockholm and Rome from November 1–5. In Berlin, he and the UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor for Cyprus Alvaro de Soto, UK Special Representative for Cyprus David Hannay, and Russian Cyprus Coordinator Vladimir Chizov, attended a conference on Cyprus hosted by German Foreign Minister Fischer. In Stockholm, Mr. Weston met with Swedish Cyprus Coordinator Kai Falkman and MFA EU Affairs Director Frank Belfrage. In Rome, he met with MFA Deputy Political Director Candilio, Balkans Director Mirachian, and Prime Minister D'Alema's Diplomatic Advisor Francesco Olivieri.