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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 15 November, which I received through your High Commissioner in London, about the purported declaration of independence by the Turkish Cypriots in Northern Cyprus.

As I explained in our meeting yesterday, my Government deplore this action by the Turkish Cypriot community which we consider to be incompatible with the 1960 treaties. We took early steps to initiate a debate in the Security Council of the United Nations and we have proposed consultations to both the Turkish and Greek Governments in accordance with the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee. We have also sent a message to President Evren urging him to help secure a reversal of the Turkish Cypriot declaration. It remains our position that we recognise only one Republic of Cyprus.

Looking to the future, we shall continue our efforts to bring about a reversal of this declaration. But it would be most regrettable if this action, unwelcome as it is, led to the breakdown of the intercommunal talks and consultations carried out by the Secretary General of the United Nations.

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We also trust that all concerned will avoid any action which could lead to a further deterioration of the situation in Cyprus.

I can assure you that we shall continue to work to this purpose and I hope that our two Governments will remain in close touch during the coming weeks.

I look forward to seeing you in Athens.

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Bebbin

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His Excellency Mr. Spyros Kyprianou