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Cyprus Cabinet Reshuffle

NICOSIA — The Cyprus cabinet resigned Tuesday to enable a government reshuffle 10 months before the latest possible date for presidential elections.

The new composition of the center-right government will be announced later, said a government spokesman, Yiannakis Cassoulides.

He described the reshuffle as an act of "renewal," and did not link it to any need by the government to spruce up its image to bolster President Glavcos Klerides's chances for re-election next year, if he decides to run again.

"It is a political deed," Mr. Cassoulides said. "Governments are reshuffled to provide a breath of fresh air, a new image."

It is the first cabinet shake-up since Mr. Klerides, founder of the rightist Democratic Rally party, was elected president for a five-year term in February 1993.

Mr. Klerides's Greek Cypriot administration is recognized as the only legitimate government in Cyprus, which has been divided since Turkey invaded the north of the island in 1974. (Reuters)