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efforts towards achieving a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem. We are fully aware of the difficulty and the complexity of the task your team and yourself have performed and we share the Security Council's view that this extraordinary effort needs to be commended.

- We deeply regret that this intense activity has not produced the results we have all hoped and worked for. Once again due to the negative stance of the T/C leader the whole process failed. Ankara has its own share of responsibility. Either she could not, or she did not want to exercise the necessary persuasion upon the T/C leadership. Moreover she has put forward previously unmentioned constitutional reasons in order to avoid signing the commitment for the referenda and she was very reluctant in engaging to talks with Greece regarding the security and guarantees issue of your proposals.

- Although we share your disappointment about the outcome of the talks, we believe that your efforts should continue. We would like to confirm once again the full and unwavering support of the Greek government to your initiatives.

- Upon the presentation of the first draft of your proposals, the Greek government declared that it accepts them as a basis for further negotiations. We believe that they still remain a good basis for further negotiations provided that the parties concerned engage in talks with good will and constructive attitude.
- The momentum provided by E.U. enlargement for a settlement of the Cyprus problem before the accession has been missed. We believe however that the accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the European Union can still act as a catalyst for the settlement of the political problem, since the Turkish Cypriots will realise the benefits of E.U. membership and will support more vigorously the efforts aiming to a comprehensive settlement.

- The Greek Cypriot side is fully committed to the continuation of the negotiations and to a policy of bringing the Turkish Cypriots closer to the European Union. For this reason, the government of the Republic of Cyprus is preparing a series of measures in favour of the Turkish Cypriot community.

- Greece is fully committed to the resumption of the talks, whenever you feel that the appropriate conditions for their successful outcome exist. We would like however to notice that the necessary time for talks should be allowed and that the turkish side should give clear indications about her willingness to negotiate.

[We hope that in the case of resumption of the talks, the points we raised during our last meeting in Athens on February 25, 2003 concerning the Treaties of Guarantee and Alliance will be given due consideration.]

Athens, 17.04.2003

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