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The Security Council,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 5 January 2026 on his Good Offices ([S/2026/9](#)) and on the United Nations operation in Cyprus ([S/2026/8](#)), and *expressing* its full support for his Good Offices, including the existing body of work, to remain available to assist the sides,

Underscoring that the responsibility for finding a solution lies first and foremost with the Cypriots themselves, and *reaffirming* the primary role of the United Nations in assisting the parties to bring the Cyprus conflict and division of the island to a comprehensive and durable settlement with a sense of urgency,

Expressing its appreciation for the continuing personal engagement of the Secretary-General and that of his team, and *expressing* its appreciation for the intensive efforts of the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar from May 2025, *welcoming* the intensification of dialogue between the two sides and the outcomes of the informal broader-format meetings in Geneva (18 March 2025) and New York (17 July 2025), *welcoming* the commitment shown by the two leaders to make progress on initiatives to build trust, and *encouraging* both sides and the relevant parties to continue engaging constructively to seek a mutually acceptable way forward,

Acknowledging the efforts of the previous Special Representative of the Secretary-General and *welcoming* the appointment of Khassim Diagne as Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP),

Stressing its full support for the Secretary-General's ongoing efforts, *reiterating* the importance of openness, flexibility and compromise in finding common ground with the goal of returning to formal negotiations, and *urging* the sides to renew their efforts to achieve an enduring, comprehensive and just settlement based on a bicultural, bizonal federation with political equality, as set out in relevant Security Council resolutions, including paragraph 4 of its resolution [716 \(1991\)](#),

Noting the need for further progress towards restarting formal negotiations, *strongly encouraging* all parties to seize the opportunity presented by the Secretary-General's ongoing engagement, and *stressing* that the status quo is unsustainable, that the situation on the ground is not static, and that the lack of an agreement furthers



political tensions and deepens the estrangement of both communities, risking irreversible changes on the ground, and reducing the prospects of a settlement,

Urging both sides and all involved parties to take steps to de-escalate tensions in and around the Buffer Zone and to refrain from actions which are not conducive to the broader peace process, *stressing* the importance of respect for the integrity and inviolability of the Buffer Zone, *reaffirming* UNFICYP's mandated authority in and delineation of the Buffer Zone, and *emphasising* the importance of refraining from actions which undermine UNFICYP's mandated authority therein,

Recalling its Presidential Statement ([S/PRST/2021/13](#)), and all relevant resolutions and statements of its President regarding Varosha,

Recalling its resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) and all related resolutions, *recognising* that the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of women is essential in building peace in Cyprus and will contribute to making any future settlement sustainable, *welcoming* efforts to bring together a broader range of women actors on both sides, *underlining* the importance of accelerating the full and effective implementation of the joint Action Plan on ways to ensure women's full, equal and meaningful participation in peace talks, and *encouraging* the sides to ensure the needs and perspectives of women are addressed in a future settlement,

Recalling its resolution [2250 \(2015\)](#) and related resolutions that recognise the important and positive contribution of youth in efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and as a key aspect of the sustainability, inclusiveness and success of peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts, and *further encouraging* the full, equal and meaningful participation of youth in this process,

Recalling the critical importance of full adherence to applicable international law in the handling of asylum seekers and refugees,

Recalling the Secretary-General's finding that the socioeconomic disparity between the two Cypriot communities has widened further, *recognising* that this risks leading to further estrangement on the island, and potentially affecting prospects for a settlement, and in this context, *urging* further efforts to address this through meaningful contacts,

Expressing concern at the ongoing challenges regarding law and order in Pyla/Pile, *welcoming* the effective coordination by both sides through the extension of Joint Contact Room to Pyla/Pile, and *urging* both sides to continue to work with UNFICYP to establish effective measures to tackle criminal activities,

Stressing the importance of trust-building initiatives and their timely implementation, and *strongly encouraging* the sides to continue engaging with each other in this regard, including to consider new military confidence building measures,

Urging the sides to step up their efforts to promote intercommunal contacts, intra-island trade, reconciliation and the active engagement of civil society, in particular women and youth, *recognising* that regular, effective contact and communication between the sides enhances the prospects for settlement and is in the interests of all Cypriots, and helps to address island-wide matters, including health, crime, environmental protection, economic issues, issues related to adverse environmental impacts, and challenges related to migration, *underlining* the importance of efforts to remove obstacles to intra-island trade, and *urging* both sides to strengthen such efforts,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus is agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions on the island it is necessary to keep the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) beyond 31 January 2026,

Welcoming measures to date to strengthen the liaison and engagement capacity of the mission, *noting* the importance of transition planning in relation to the settlement and in line with resolution [2594 \(2021\)](#) and other relevant resolutions, and *emphasising* the need to review regularly all peacekeeping operations, including UNFICYP, to ensure efficiency and effectiveness,

Expressing appreciation to Member States that contribute personnel to UNFICYP, and *noting* the continued voluntary contributions to the funding of UNFICYP by the Government of Cyprus and the Government of Greece,

1. *Reaffirms* all its relevant resolutions on Cyprus, in particular resolution [1251 \(1999\)](#), and *recalls* the importance of achieving an enduring, comprehensive and just settlement based on a bicultural, bizonal federation with political equality, as set out in relevant Security Council resolutions, including paragraph 4 of its resolution [716 \(1991\)](#);

2. *Strongly calls* upon the sides and all parties to deploy all efforts to engage actively with the Secretary-General and his team;

3. *Fully supports* the Secretary-General's ongoing engagement with the sides and *welcomes* the intensification of dialogue, notably the Secretary-General's informal broader-format meetings on 18 March and on 17 July 2025, the trilateral meeting on 27 September 2025 in New York, and the meetings of the two leaders on 20 November and 11 December 2025 under United Nations auspices, *welcomes* the agreement to a group of initiatives to build trust and confidence reached at the broader-format meetings on 18 March and 17 July and the implementation of some of these, *encourages* further progress in this regard, *encourages* the continued use of informal-broader format meetings as agreed, and *emphasises* the importance of the sides and all involved participants approaching this process in the spirit of openness, flexibility and compromise and showing the necessary political will and commitment to freely negotiate a mutually acceptable settlement under United Nations auspices;

4. *Recalls* the status of Varosha as set out in relevant resolutions, including resolutions [550 \(1984\)](#) and [789 \(1992\)](#), and its Presidential Statement ([S/PRST/2021/13](#)) which condemns the 20 July 2021 announcement by Turkish and Turkish Cypriot leaders on the further reopening of a part of the fenced-off area of Varosha, *expresses* deep regret regarding the continuation of unilateral actions that run contrary to its previous resolutions and statements on Varosha, *calls* for the immediate reversal of this course of action and of all steps taken on Varosha since October 2020, *deeply regrets* the ongoing disregard of this call for immediate reversal, *cautions* against any further actions in relation to Varosha that are not in accordance with its resolutions, *emphasises* that any further unilateral action may prompt a response from the Security Council and *continues to stress* the need to avoid any unilateral actions that could raise tensions on the island and undermine the prospects for a peaceful settlement;

5. *Emphasises* that the Council continues to follow developments in Pyla/Pile since August 2023 closely, *underscores* the need to avoid any unilateral actions by either party that could raise tensions on the island and harm prospects for a settlement, *encourages* further efforts to promote a conducive climate with the goal of returning to formal negotiations for a lasting settlement in Cyprus, *welcomes* the Special Representative of the Secretary-General's engagement with all parties to reach an understanding regarding arrangements for the Pyla/Pile plateau as outlined in paragraph 11 of the Secretary-General's report ([S/2024/12](#)), *regrets* that implementation remains paused, and *urges* all parties concerned to work constructively with UNFICYP on a way forward as an important confidence building measure;

6. *Welcomes* the promotion of peaceful neighbourly relations in the Eastern Mediterranean, *reiterates* that disputes in the Eastern Mediterranean should be resolved peacefully in accordance with applicable international law, *remains convinced* of the many important benefits, including economic benefits, for all Cypriots and the wider region that would flow from a comprehensive and durable settlement, *reiterates* also the Secretary-General's previous call to avoid escalatory steps, and *further urges* the leaders of the two Cypriot communities and all involved parties to refrain from any actions and rhetoric that might damage the settlement process and that could raise tensions on the island;

7. *Recalls* its resolution [2771 \(2025\)](#) and *calls* upon the two leaders urgently to:

(a) continue their efforts to provide the necessary support and overall guidance to the work of the Technical Committees, ensuring they are free from political obstructions and able to function effectively in coordination and cooperation on matters which have island-wide implications, including taking forward the trust-building initiatives agreed in 2025 which have been assigned to them and overcoming recent political blockages that have slowed or obstructed progress, including through the effective use of the expertise available in the bicultural Technical Committees on Health, Criminal Matters, Crisis Management, Humanitarian Affairs and Economic Matters, and to empower them to submit proposals for their consideration to enhance intercommunal contacts and improve the daily lives of all Cypriots, and consider the advice of the Good Offices Mission of the Secretary-General regarding further ways to empower the Technical Committees, improve their performance and protect and insulate them from wider political discussions;

(b) ensure effective coordination and cooperation on criminal matters;

(c) strengthen efforts to promote peace education across the island, including by reinvigorating the Technical Committee on Education and empowering it to implement the recommendations contained in its joint report of 2017, in particular those concerning policy-making, and to address impediments to peace by conducting a joint review of school materials, including text books, as a contribution to trust-building between the communities, on which there continues to be no progress, and by supporting peace education projects aimed at increasing contact and collaboration among the communities in Cyprus and facilitating the meaningful participation of youth in the peace process, noting with concern that the Technical Committee on Education did not meet during the reporting period and that no cross-community cooperation on student engagement or review of textbooks took place;

(d) improve the public atmosphere for negotiation to secure a settlement, including by preparing the communities for a settlement through public messages on the way ahead, and delivering more constructive and harmonised messages, including by more explicitly encouraging contact and cooperation between the communities and providing direct support to grassroots people-to-people initiatives, and by refraining from actions or rhetoric that detracts from a successful process or could make it more difficult to achieve;

(e) increase their support to, and ensure a meaningful role for, civil society engagement in peace efforts, in particular by forming a consultative body as agreed in the informal broader-format meeting in July 2025, strengthening the participation of women's organisations, and supporting implementation of the recommendations of the socioeconomic impact assessment to address existing barriers and ensure a future peace agreement can more equally benefit men and women in Cyprus, welcoming the establishment of the Technical Committee on Youth and its first public event, and noting ongoing initiatives by the Committees;

8. *Regrets* the ongoing lack of full, equal and meaningful participation of women and the participation of youth in the Settlement process, *welcomes* the Action Plan on women's full, equal and meaningful participation in the settlement process, to support and encourage engagement with civil society, including women's organisations and women leaders, and to include a women, peace and security perspective in a future settlement process, *urges* the leaders of both sides as a matter of priority to provide the Technical Committee on Gender Equality with the political support to accelerate the thorough and effective implementation of all recommendations under the Action Plan, and to review implementation of the plan every six months and provide recommendations as appropriate, and *continues to note* the Secretary-General's call to ensure the inclusion of women in future delegations;

9. *Deeply regrets* the lack of progress on an effective mechanism for direct military contacts between the sides and the relevant involved parties, and *requests* flexibility and engagement by the sides and the relevant involved parties, facilitated by UNFICYP, to develop a suitably acceptable proposal on the establishment of such a mechanism, and its timely implementation;

10. *Calls* upon the sides to reduce existing barriers to intercommunal contact, *emphasizes* the importance of effective communication for risk-mitigation and trust-building between the communities, and in this regard *welcomes* the continued flow of trade across the Green Line, while noting that trade levels have not yet reached their full potential, *encourages* further progress to realise this potential, *echoes* the Secretary-General's call for renewed efforts to remove remaining obstacles and the focus in the informal broader-format meetings on practical measures to improve intercommunal contact and build trust between communities, *welcomes* agreement between the leaders on specific trust-building initiatives at the two meetings, *further welcomes* progress made in delivering on these commitments to date, and in this regard *encourages* further efforts by the leaders to deliver on the agreed trust-building initiatives, especially on the issue of opening of new crossing points, recognising that confidence building measures are important for creating a conducive environment but are not a substitute to achieving a solution to the Cyprus problem;

11. *Commends* the ongoing work of the Committee on Missing Persons, *calls* upon all parties to enhance their cooperation with the Committee's work, in particular through providing full access without delay to all areas and responding in a timely manner to requests for archival information on possible burial sites, and *supports* the call of the two leaders to keep the Committee's work free from political interference and to avoid any politicisation of this humanitarian process;

12. *Expresses* its full support for UNFICYP, *decides* to extend its mandate for a further period ending on 31 January 2027, *affirms* its intention to continue to monitor the situation in Cyprus closely, and *further affirms* its readiness to review the implementation of this resolution as necessary, taking into account the advice of the Secretary-General in the reports requested in paragraph 24 of this resolution;

13. *Condemns* the continued violations of the military status quo along the ceasefire lines, the reported encroachment by both sides into the Buffer Zone and the risks associated, the challenges to the mission's delineation of the Buffer Zone, the ongoing reported military violations, the continued unauthorised constructions and installation of military-grade surveillance systems along the Buffer Zone as outlined in paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 of the Secretary-General's report ([S/2026/8](#)), which pose significant challenges to UNFICYP's operations and mandated authority, *expresses* concern regarding the blurring of distinction between civilian and military structures as outlined in paragraph 16 of the Secretary-General's report ([S/2026/8](#)), and *reiterates* its support for the proposal of the Secretary-General for a dialogue between the parties and the Special Representative to explore a possible agreement on technology installations and unmanning of positions adjacent to the Buffer Zone;

14. *Stresses* the need for the sides and all involved parties to respect UNFICYP's mandated authority in and delineation of the Buffer Zone and to refrain from unilateral actions in contravention thereof, *reaffirms* that the Security Council recognizes UNFICYP's delineation of the Buffer Zone, *expresses* particular concern over the lack of de-escalatory steps in and around the Buffer Zone and reported high number of move forward violations as set out in paragraph 15 of the Secretary-General's report ([S/2026/8](#)) and challenges to the status quo of the Buffer Zone in certain areas, *calls* for the restoration of the status quo ante concerning violations in the Buffer Zone, *reaffirms* the importance of the use of the 2018 United Nations aide-memoire by the sides to ensure peace and security in the Buffer Zone, *continues to request* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council and troop- and police-contributing countries any actions that impede UNFICYP's ability to fulfil its mandate, including risks to the integrity of the Buffer Zone, as well as the safety, security, access and freedom of movement of UNFICYP personnel, and all instances of interference with UNFICYP's activities across the island by all actors and efforts to hold perpetrators of such actions accountable, as applicable, and *calls urgently* on both sides to respect the integrity and inviolability of the Buffer Zone, to remove all unauthorised constructions and to prevent unauthorised military or civilian activities within and along the ceasefire lines;

15. *Stresses* that UNFICYP's mandated authority extends throughout Cyprus, *calls* on all parties to continue to cooperate with UNFICYP, *strongly urges* full respect for UNFICYP's freedom of movement throughout Cyprus and the cessation of all restrictions on the mission's movement and access, including to ensure systematic and effective monitoring and reporting by the mission particularly on the situation in Varosha, as well as elsewhere, *stresses* that restrictions on freedom of movement can present serious risks to the safety and security of United Nations personnel serving in peacekeeping operations, *welcomes* UNFICYP making use of relevant tools to enhance its situational awareness, *encourages* further progress in this regard within existing resources and, as appropriate, in consultation with parties within existing practice, and *requests* the Secretary-General, Member States and all parties to strengthen their efforts to take all appropriate measures to ensure the safety and security and freedom of movement of UNFICYP personnel with unhindered and immediate access, in line with resolution [2518 \(2020\)](#);

16. *Expresses concern* over unauthorised or criminal activities in the Buffer Zone and the risks they pose to peacekeeper safety and security, *condemns* any attack and *expresses concern* about any aggressive behaviour towards UNFICYP and its personnel, and *calls* for the perpetrators of such attacks to be held to account;

17. *Underlines* the importance of a proactive approach to strategic communications, and *requests* UNFICYP to strengthen its existing efforts to monitor and to counter disinformation and misinformation;

18. *Reiterates its calls* on the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkish forces to restore in Strovolos the military status quo which existed there prior to 30 June 2000, and *reaffirms* that UNFICYP's freedom of movement should be respected;

19. *Continues to urge* the leaders of both communities to agree and continue a plan of work to achieve a mine-free Cyprus, and to overcome the existing barriers to this work as outlined in paragraph 17 of the Secretary-General's report ([S/2026/8](#)), in order to make expeditious progress towards clearing the 29 remaining suspected hazardous areas on the island;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the following activities and existing obligations in the planning and conduct of UNFICYP's operations within the

limits of the mandate and area of operations and in line with existing United Nations guidelines and regulations:

(a) women, peace and security requirements under resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) and all resolutions addressing women, peace, and security, including by seeking to increase the number of women in UNFICYP in line with resolution [2538 \(2020\)](#), including through ensuring the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women at all levels, and in all aspects of its operations including senior leadership positions, and through ensuring work environments that are safe, enabling and responsive to the needs of all women in peacekeeping operations, as well as taking fully into account women, peace and security considerations as a crosscutting issue throughout its mandate, and reaffirming the importance of sufficient gender expertise in all mission components and capacity strengthening in executing the mission mandate in a gender-responsive manner;

(b) peacekeeping performance requirements under resolutions [2378 \(2017\)](#) and [2436 \(2018\)](#);

(c) the United Nations zero-tolerance policies on serious misconduct, sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment, and all actions under resolution [2272 \(2016\)](#), and to report to the Security Council if such cases of misconduct occur;

(d) implementing more effective casualty and medical evacuation procedures, as well as deploying enhanced medical evacuation capacities;

(e) taking active and effective measures to improve the planning and functioning of UNFICYP's safety and security facilities and arrangements;

(f) youth, peace and security requirements under resolutions [2250 \(2015\)](#), [2419 \(2018\)](#) and [2535 \(2020\)](#);

21. *Urges* troop- and police-contributing countries to continue taking appropriate action to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse, including vetting, predeployment and in-mission awareness training for all personnel, to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel, including through timely investigations of all allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse, to take appropriate disciplinary measures, and to report to the United Nations fully and promptly on actions undertaken, and *calls* on the Secretary-General, in line with Security Council resolutions [2272 \(2016\)](#) and [2436 \(2018\)](#), to repatriate units when there is credible evidence of widespread or systemic sexual exploitation and abuse by those units;

22. *Requests* troop- and police-contributing countries to implement relevant provisions of resolution [2538 \(2020\)](#) and all other relevant resolutions on reducing barriers to and increasing women's participation at all levels and in all positions in peacekeeping, including by ensuring work environments that are safe, enabling and responsive to all women in peacekeeping operations;

23. *Notes* the United Nations Department of Operational Support's Strategy: "Way Forward: Environment Strategy for Peace Operations 2023–2030";

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit two reports, by 6 July 2026 and 4 January 2027 respectively, on his Good Offices, in particular on progress towards reaching a consensus starting point for meaningful results-oriented negotiations leading to a settlement, *encourages* the leaders of the two communities to provide written updates every six months to the Good Offices Mission of the Secretary-General on the actions they have taken in support of the relevant parts of this resolution since its adoption, in particular with regard to paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10, with a view to reaching a sustainable and comprehensive settlement, *further requests*

the Secretary-General to include the contents of these updates in his Good Offices reports; *requests* also the Secretary-General to submit two reports, by 6 July 2026 and 4 January 2027 respectively, on the implementation of this resolution that provides integrated, evidence-based and data-driven analysis, strategic assessments and frank advice to the Security Council, drawing on data collected and analysed through the Comprehensive Planning and Performance Assessment System (CPAS), the mission's implementation of the Integrated Peacekeeping Performance and Accountability Framework (IPPAF) and other strategic planning and performance measurement tools to describe the mission's impact and overall mission performance, including information on undeclared caveats, declining to participate in or undertake patrols and their impact on the mission, and how the reported cases of underperformance are addressed, and to keep the Security Council updated on events as necessary;

25. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
