

again draws attention to the chronic financing problem of the Force,

Reaffirming again the statement of the President of the Security Council of 30 May 1990,¹¹⁵ in which the members of the Council emphasized that United Nations peace-keeping operations must be launched and maintained on a sound and secure financial basis,

Stressing the importance of an early agreement on a resolution of the Cyprus problem,

1. *Concludes* that a method of financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus is needed which will put the Force on a sound and secure financial basis;

2. *Also concludes* that the question of the costs of the Force needs to be studied further, with the aim of both reducing and clearly defining the costs for which the United Nations should be responsible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to hold consultations with members of the Council, troop-contributing countries and others concerned on the question of costs, taking into account both the report of the United Nations Secretariat review team on the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus of 7 December 1990¹¹⁴ and the report of the Group of Friends of the President of the Security Council of 31 May 1991, and to report to the Council by 1 October 1991, and undertakes to decide, in the light of this report and by the time of the next extension of the mandate of the Force on or before 15 December 1991, on measures to be taken to put the Force onto a sound and secure financial basis.

Adopted unanimously at the 2993rd meeting.

Decisions

On 28 June 1991, following consultations of the Security Council, the President of the Council issued the following statement on behalf of its members:¹¹⁶

"The members of the Security Council have considered the Secretary-General's report on his mission of good offices in Cyprus. They are unanimous in reiterating their full support of his current efforts.

"The members of the Council recall that they had urged all concerned to cooperate with the Secretary-General and to continue the discussions with a view to resolving without delay the outstanding issues. They regret that, despite the Secretary-General's efforts, the necessary progress has not yet been made on these outstanding issues.

"The members of the Council endorse the Secretary-General's view that a high-level international meeting, if properly prepared and of adequate duration, could give his efforts the necessary impetus and achieve an agreed

outline of an overall settlement. They agree with the Secretary-General's judgement that before such a meeting could be held, the two sides should be within agreement range on all the issues. They urgently appeal to all concerned to spare no efforts to achieve this goal.

"The members of the Council further endorse the Secretary-General's intention to have his aides meet with all concerned during the months of July and August to try to work out a set of ideas that would bring the two sides within agreement range on each of the eight headings of the outline. The members of the Council request the Secretary-General to pursue these consultations urgently and to assist this process by making suggestions.

"The members of the Council request the Secretary-General to provide a full report to the Council by the end of August on the substance of the ideas that were discussed and the responses of all concerned and to provide his assessment of the situation, particularly with regard to whether the conditions are conducive to a successful outcome of a high-level international meeting."

At its 3013th meeting, on 11 October 1991, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in Cyprus: report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus (S/23121)".²⁷

Resolution 716 (1991) of 11 October 1991

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 8 October 1991 on his mission of good offices in Cyprus,¹¹⁷

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in preparing a set of ideas as the basis for arriving at an agreed overall framework agreement on Cyprus,

Noting with concern the difficulties encountered in completing this work,

Regretting that it was not possible to convene the high-level international meeting foreseen in the statement made by the President of the Security Council on 28 June 1991,¹¹⁶

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his efforts during the past few months, and endorses his report and observations;

2. *Reaffirms* its previous resolutions on Cyprus;

3. *Reaffirms also* its position on the Cyprus question, expressed most recently in resolution 649 (1990) of 12 March 1990 and in line with the high-level agreements of 1977¹¹¹ and 1979¹¹² between the parties in Cyprus, that the fundamental principles of a Cyprus settlement are the sovereignty, indepen-

dence, territorial integrity and non-alignment of the Republic of Cyprus, the exclusion of union in whole or in part with any other country and of any form of partition or secession and the establishment of a new constitutional arrangement for Cyprus that would ensure the well-being and security of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities in a bi-communal and bi-zonal federation;

4. *Reaffirms further* that its position on the solution to the Cyprus problem is based on one State of Cyprus comprising two politically equal communities as defined by the Secretary-General in the eleventh paragraph of annex I to his report of 8 March 1990;¹¹⁸

5. *Calls upon* the parties to adhere fully to these principles and to negotiate within the framework of them without introducing concepts that are at variance with them;

6. *Reaffirms* that the Secretary-General's mission of good offices is with the two communities whose participation in the process is on an equal footing;

7. *Endorses* the Secretary-General's intention to resume discussions in early November with the two parties in Cyprus and Greece and Turkey to complete the set of ideas on an overall framework agreement;

8. *Considers* that convening a high-level international meeting chaired by the Secretary-General in which the two communities and Greece and Turkey would participate represents an effective mechanism for concluding an overall framework agreement on Cyprus;

9. *Requests* the leaders of the two communities and Greece and Turkey to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General and his representatives so that the high-level international meeting can be convened before the end of this year;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council in November 1991 whether sufficient progress has been made to convene the high-level international meeting and, should conditions not be ripe, to convey to the Council the set of ideas as they will have evolved by that time with his assessment of the situation.

Adopted unanimously at the 3013th meeting.

Decisions

On 12 December 1991, following consultations of the Security Council, the President of the Council made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council to the media, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Cyprus":¹¹⁹

"In the light of the discussion at the informal consultations of members of the Security Council, it was concluded that the necessary agreement did not currently exist in the Council for a decision to be adopted on a change in the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in

Cyprus. The members of the Council agreed to keep this issue under urgent review."

At its 3022nd meeting, on 12 December 1991, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Canada, Cyprus, Greece and Turkey to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in Cyprus: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operations in Cyprus (S/23263 and Add.1)".²⁷

At the same meeting, the Council also decided to extend an invitation to Mr. Osman Ertug under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Resolution 723 (1991)

of 12 December 1991

The Security Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus of 30 November and 12 December 1991,¹²⁰

Also taking note of the recommendation by the Secretary-General that the Security Council extend the stationing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for a further period of six months.

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to keep the Force in Cyprus beyond 15 December 1991,

Reaffirming the provisions of resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 and other relevant resolutions,

1. *Extends once more* the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force established under resolution 186 (1964) for a further period ending on 15 June 1992;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his mission of good offices, to keep the Security Council informed of the progress made and to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution by 31 May 1992;

3. *Calls upon* all the parties concerned to continue to cooperate with the Force on the basis of the present mandate.

Adopted unanimously at the 3022nd meeting.

Decisions

At its 3024th meeting, on 23 December 1991, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in Cyprus: report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus (S/23300)".²⁷

At the same meeting, the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:¹²¹