

## Europe

### 17. The situation in Cyprus

During the period under review, the Security Council held two meetings and adopted two resolutions concerning the situation in Cyprus.<sup>595</sup> More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes is given in the table below. Council members also held two private meetings with countries contributing troops and police to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) pursuant to resolution [1353\(2001\)](#).<sup>596</sup> Council members also held informal consultations of the whole to discuss the situation in Cyprus.<sup>597</sup>

On 27 January, further to the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>598</sup> the Council held a meeting at which it unanimously adopted resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), extending the mandate of UNFICYP for a period of six months, until 31 July 2022.<sup>599</sup> Concerning the Mission's mandate and within its limits and area of operations, the Council requested the Secretary-General to implement a series of activities and existing obligations in the planning and conduct of the Mission's operations relating, among other, to women and peace and security requirements under resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) and all resolutions addressing women and peace and security; peacekeeping performance requirements under resolutions [2378 \(2017\)](#) and [2436 \(2018\)](#) and youth, peace and security requirements under resolutions [2250 \(2015\)](#), [2419 \(2018\)](#) and [2535 \(2020\)](#).<sup>600</sup>

Recalling the status of Varosha as set out in its relevant decisions and expressing deep regret at the unilateral actions contrary to them, in the resolution, the Council called for the immediate reversal of this course of action and reiterated that no actions should be carried out in

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<sup>595</sup> For further information on the format of meetings, see part II.

<sup>596</sup> The private meetings in connection with the item entitled "Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B - United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" was held on 12 January and 13 July; see [S/PV.8947](#) and [S/PV.9094](#).

<sup>597</sup> For more information, see [A/77/2](#), part II, chap. 1.

<sup>598</sup> See [S/2021/1109](#) and [S/2021/1110](#).

<sup>599</sup> Resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), para. 10.

<sup>600</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 16. For further information on the mandate of UNFICYP, see part X, sect. I.

relation to Varosha that were not in accordance with its resolutions stressing the need to avoid any unilateral actions that could raise tensions on the island and undermine the prospects for a peaceful settlement.<sup>601</sup> The Council further expressed concern at the continued tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean and called upon the leaders of the two Cypriot communities and all parties involved to refrain from any actions and rhetoric that could damage the settlement process.<sup>602</sup>

As in previous resolutions,<sup>603</sup> the Council called upon the two leaders to reinvigorate their efforts to provide the necessary support and overall guidance to free the Technical Committees from political obstructions in their work; ensure effective coordination and cooperation on criminal matters; intensify efforts to promote peace education across the island; improve the atmosphere for negotiation to secure settlement and increase their support to civil society engagement in peace efforts.<sup>604</sup> The Council also urged the sides to engage actively and with an increased sense of urgency with the Secretary-General and his team to this end, including by reaching an agreement regarding the proposal of the Secretary-General to appoint a United Nations envoy.<sup>605</sup> The Council also requested the Secretary-General to report on his good offices as well as on the implementation of the resolution by 5 July 2022.<sup>606</sup> In this regard, the Council requested that the report on his good offices include the contents of the written updates of the leaders of the two communities to the good offices mission. The Council requested that the report on the implementation of the resolution would provide 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, the Mission's implementation of the Integrated Peacekeeping Performance and Accountability Framework and other strategic planning and performance measurement tools to describe the Mission's impact and overall mission performance.

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<sup>601</sup> Resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), para. 3. See also resolutions [550 \(1984\)](#), [789 \(1992\)](#) and [S/PRST/2021/13](#).

<sup>602</sup> Resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), para. 4.

<sup>603</sup> See resolution [2587 \(2021\)](#), para. 4.

<sup>604</sup> Resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), para. 5.

<sup>605</sup> *Ibid.*, para 2.

<sup>606</sup> Resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), para. 19. For further background, see *Repertoire, Supplements 1963-2021*.

On 28 July, further to the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>607</sup> the Council held an open meeting, at which it unanimously adopted resolution [2646 \(2022\)](#), extending again the mandate of UNFICYP for a period of 6 months, until 31 January 2023.<sup>608</sup> As with resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), by resolution [2646 \(2022\)](#), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit by 3 January 2023 a report on his good offices and on the implementation of the resolution.<sup>609</sup>

### Meetings: The situation in Cyprus

<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
<a href="#">S/PV.8956</a> 27 January 2022	Report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus ( <a href="#">S/2021/1109</a> )	Draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom ( <a href="#">S/2022/52</a> )				Resolution <a href="#">2618 (2022)</a> 15-0-0
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus ( <a href="#">S/2021/1110</a> )					
<a href="#">S/PV.9102</a> 28 July 2022	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus ( <a href="#">S/2022/533</a> )	Draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom ( <a href="#">S/2022/578</a> )				Resolution <a href="#">2646 (2022)</a> 15-0-0
	Report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus ( <a href="#">S/2022/534</a> )					

<sup>607</sup> See [S/2022/534](#) and [S/2022/533](#).

<sup>608</sup> Resolution [2646 \(2022\)](#), para. 10.

<sup>609</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 20.