"The members of the Council reaffirm Council resolution 649 (1990) of 12 March 1991 and the mandate for the Secretary-General's mission of good offices as set out in resolution 367 (1975) of 12 March 1975; and recall that resolution 649 (1990) reaffirmed in particular resolution 367 (1975) as well as the Council's support for the high-level agreements of 1977¹¹¹ and 1979¹¹² between the leaders of the two communities. This should continue to serve as the basis for the Secretary-General's effort to arrive at an agreed outline.

"The members of the Council urge all concerned to act in a manner consistent with resolution 649 (1990), to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General and to continue the discussions that have taken place over the past few months in order to resolve without delay the outstanding issues

"The members of the Council welcome the Secretary-General's intention to submit a further report by early July 1991 on his effort to arrive at an agreed outline of an overall settlement. The members of the Council will decide, in the light of the situation at that time, on any further measures for proceeding that may be necessary."

At its 2992nd meeting, on 14 June 1991, the Council decided to invite the representatives of 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 operation in Cyprus (S/22665 and Add.1 and 2)".⁷

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

Resolution 697 (1991) of 14 June 1991

The Security Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus of 31 May and 3 and 14 June 1991, 113

Taking note also 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 June 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 December 1991;
- 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 30 November 1991;
- 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 2992th meeting.

Decision

At its 2993rd meeting, also on 14 June 1991, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in Cyprus: the costs and financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus".

Resolution 698 (1991) of 14 June 1991

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 establishing the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for an initial period of three months,

Recalling its subsequent resolutions extending the mandate of the Force, most recently its resolution 697 (1991) of 14 June 1991.

Also recalling the report of the United Nations Secretariat review team on the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus of 7 December 1990¹¹⁴ and the recommendations contained therein,

Further recalling its resolution 682 (1990) of 21 December 1990, by which it decided to examine the problem of the costs and financing of the Force in all its aspects, with a view to putting into effect an alternative method of financing simultaneously with the renewal of the mandate on or before 15 June 1991,

Noting with appreciation the recent consultations among Council members on the problem of the costs and financing of the Force in all its aspects, resulting in the report of the Group of Friends of the President of the Security Council of 31 May 1991,

Taking note with concern of the latest report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, of 31 May and 3 and 14 June 1991, 113 which once

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-