

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am grateful to the Council for the opportunity to participate in this urgent debate on the situation in Cyprus. I regret that events on the island have made it necessary for the Council to return to this question only five months after it was last discussed here, when I had the privilege of addressing the Council.

My Government deeply regrets the unilateral declaration of independence by the self-styled "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" November 15. We have no plans to recognize this self-proclaimed state on the island. We continue to recognize a single Republic of Cyprus, whose sovereignty and territorial integrity should be respected by all.

The unilateral declaration of independence has been disruptive of a very delicate and difficult negotiating process. It is the unfortunate result of what I observed to the Council last June, to the effect that the two communities of Cyprus and certain others involved in the dispute have not shown the will to make the necessary difficult compromises required to reach a successful political solution.

While we recognize the impatience and frustration of the parties evoked by the on-going lack of a settlement, we do not, however, condone such a disproportionate response to these feelings. By its action the Turkish-Cypriot community has endangered the

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