

It is my sincere hope that the current fighting on Cyprus, which prevents the renewal of negotiations, will stop forthwith and that the parties concerned will refrain from any actions which could lead to an escalation of hostilities in the region. This would be in the best interest of international peace and the security of the countries directly concerned but most importantly, of all the people of Cyprus.

The Canadian Government was gratified to note the speed and unanimity with which the United Nations Security Council reached agreement last night on a resolution calling for an immediate end to all firing and military action on Cyprus and a resumption of negotiations without delay. This action by the Security Council reflects the growing concern of the international community over the deplorable initiation of renewed hostilities on the Island. I fully support the Security Council's call to the parties concerned and have taken immediate steps to urge upon them the necessity of fulfilling their international obligations. I have today instructed our representative to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels to deliver a statement to this effect in the North Atlantic Council at the earliest opportunity. Further, I will be meeting shortly with Turkish and Greek representatives in Ottawa to express to them the views of the Canadian Government. I am also in close touch with our representatives in the United Nations in New York and we are doing all in our power to impress upon the parties concerned the necessity of complying with last night's Security Council resolution.