

It is our hope this moderation and restraint will be continued while efforts are being made by various elements of the international community to find a peaceful and acceptable solution to the Cyprus problem.

5. We are following closely the Security Council's discussions of the Cyprus problem that are currently underway. Although we are not members of the Security Council we have a special interest and concern with regard to the problem because of Canada's role in the UN peacekeeping force there. Since the continuing usefulness of this role will depend on the restoration of constitutional government on the Island, we will want to contribute in any way we can to any initiatives the Security Council may decide to undertake.
6. The Cyprus situation is one in which NATO as a whole has immediate and direct concern and our Permanent Representative in Brussels is participating in the consultations which are taking place with the representatives of other member governments, including the Turkish and Greek Governments, to promote a peaceful resolution of the problem.
7. The Government has naturally been concerned not only about the welfare of Canadian UN forces on Cyprus but also about that of other Canadians there and we have been gratified that to date there has been no reason to believe they are in any imminent danger. Nevertheless our Ambassador in Tel Aviv, who is responsible for Cyprus, has been instructed to recommend to Canadians who have no pressing business on the Island that they should probably leave when they are in a position to do so. This precautionary step has been taken because if the situation should deteriorate the Government's ability to assist them could well be limited. It is our hope that normal commercial means of travel will shortly be restored but in the event this should not happen or that the situation should worsen, we have made contingency plans through the Department of National Defence for the evacuation of Canadians by means of Canadian Armed Forces aircraft.