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18. The situation in Cyprus

During the period under review, the Council held one meeting and adopted one resolution concerning the situation in Cyprus.⁵⁷⁹ More information on the meeting and outcome is given in the table below. The Council also held one private meeting with countries contributing troops and police to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) pursuant to resolution [1353\(2001\)](#).⁵⁸⁰ In addition, Council members held informal consultations of the whole to discuss the situation in Cyprus.⁵⁸¹

On 30 January, by resolution [2674 \(2023\)](#), the Council unanimously extended the mandate of UNFICYP for a period of one year, until 31 January 2024, without any changes.⁵⁸² The Council further affirmed its intention to continue to monitor the situation in Cyprus and readiness to review the implementation of this resolution after six months and to consider any adjustments or other actions as necessary, taking into account the advice of the Secretary-General. The Council also urged the Greek and Turkish Cypriot sides to engage actively and without further delay with the Secretary-General and his team to reach a mutually acceptable settlement under United Nations auspices and to reach an agreement regarding the proposal of the Secretary-General to appoint a United Nations envoy.⁵⁸³

Recalling its resolution [2646 \(2022\)](#), the Council called upon the two leaders urgently to: reinvigorate their efforts to provide the necessary support and overall guidance to free the Technical Committees from political obstructions; ensure effective coordination and cooperation

⁵⁷⁹ For further information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. II.

⁵⁸⁰ 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 11 January; see [S/PV.9239](#).

⁵⁸¹ Council members held informal consultations to discuss the situation in Cyprus on four occasions, namely, 17 January, 12 July, 21 August and 16 October, during which they were briefed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). For more information, see [A/78/2](#), part II, chap. 1.

⁵⁸² Resolution [2674 \(2023\)](#), para. 10. For more information on the mandate of UNFICYP, see part X, sect. I.

⁵⁸³ Resolution [2674 \(2023\)](#), para. 2.

on criminal matters; strengthen efforts to promote peace education across the island; improve the public atmosphere for negotiations to secure a settlement; and increase support to and ensure a meaningful role for civil society engagement in peace efforts.⁵⁸⁴ Regretting the lack of progress on an effective mechanism for direct military contact between the sides and the relevant involved parties, the Council urged flexibility and engagement by the sides and the relevant involved parties to develop a suitably acceptable proposal on the establishment of such a mechanism and its implementation.⁵⁸⁵ The Council called on the sides to reduce existing barriers to intercommunal contact and, in that regard, welcomed the continuation of the regular dialogue between the sides and the United Nations. It urged the sides to agree and implement further confidence building measures and welcomed the recent increase in trade across the Green Line.⁵⁸⁶ The Council also regretted the lack of full, equal and meaningful participation of women and the participation of youth in the Settlement process but welcomed the adoption and launch of the Action Plan on women’s full, equal and meaningful participation in the settlement process.⁵⁸⁷

In the resolution, underlining its serious concern and alarm at the continued violations of the military status quo along the ceasefire lines and the increase in the unauthorized construction which posed challenges to UNFICYP’s operations and mandated authority, the Council strongly urged to respect UNFICYP’s mandated authority in and delineation of the Buffer Zone.⁵⁸⁸ The Council stressed that UNFICYP’s mandated authority extended throughout Cyprus and called on all parties to continue to cooperate with the mission and to respect its freedom of movement.⁵⁸⁹

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<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>
S/PV. 9252 30 January 2023	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2023/3)	Draft resolution submitted by United Kingdom (S/2023/64)				Resolution 2674 (2023) 15-0-0

⁵⁸⁴ Ibid., para 5.

⁵⁸⁵ Ibid., para 7.

⁵⁸⁶ Ibid., para 8.

⁵⁸⁷ Ibid., para 6.

⁵⁸⁸ Ibid., paras. 11-12.

⁵⁸⁹ Ibid., para. 13.

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General on his mission of
good offices in Cyprus
([S/2023/6](#))