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1. CEM DUNA, ONE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARIES, HAD TOLD ME THAT ALTHOUGH THE TURKS HAD CONSIDERED PRESSING FOR A QUICK RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, THEY HAD NOW DECIDED TO LOOK MUCH MORE CLOSELY AT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TEXT. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE AMBIGUITY IN THE UN STATEMENT AND REFERENCE TO TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND ADEQUATE GUARANTEES AND TO THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

2. DUNA SAID THAT THEY HAD RECOGNISED THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVANTAGES OF AN EARLY RESPONSE, BUT EQUALLY HAD LEARNED FROM DENKTASH'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE JANUARY DOCUMENT THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO FURTHER PRESSURE AND MORE CONCESSIONS AFTER THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT. THEY WOULD THEREFORE NEED MORE TIME TO ASSESS HOW THE GREEKS WERE LIKELY TO RESPOND NOW.

3. DUNA LEFT ME WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE TURKS WOULD ULTIMATELY BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, BUT HIS COMMENTS ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE TURKS ARE NOT LOOKING AT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AS PART OF AN INTEGRATED PACKAGE BUT ARE CONCERNED THAT IF THEY ACCEPT IT WITHOUT THE GREEKS THEN IT MAY BE USED AGAINST THEM IN THE FUTURE.

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