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Dear Stephen,

Letter from the Turkish Prime Minister

Your letter of 5 November asked for a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature to a letter from the Prime Minister of Turkey.

x The Association Council with Turkey on 9 November went well. Greece achieved only its aim on the form (no separate Joint Statement on political dialogue) while Turkey got what it needed on substance (arrangements for an enhanced political dialogue). The Turks have subsequently said they were well pleased with the outcome, and appreciated the Presidency's efforts to secure this.

/ Partners have agreed that the Prime Minister should reply to Demirel's letter as President of the European Council. We have cleared the enclosed draft by COREU. Its language is closely based on the EC's common position for the 9 November Association Council.

The letter deliberately does not refer to Demirel's visit on 23 November. This will be a bilateral visit, rather than a formal Presidency event. Greece (and possibly others) would argue that there is no Presidency mandate for this event.

Yours ever,
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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

TO: His Excellency Suleyman Demirel
Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey

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Thank you for your letter of 30 October about the relationship between Turkey and the European Community. As President of the European Council, I am also replying on behalf of my colleagues, in the light of the Community's position at the EC/Turkey Association Council on 9 November.

You rightly draw attention to the Lisbon European Council conclusions on the great importance of Turkey's role in Europe and the need to intensify cooperation and to develop relations in line with the prospect in the 1964 Association Agreement, including a political dialogue at the highest level.

This inspired the approach which the Community adopted at the 9 November EC/Turkey Association Council. I am glad that at this meeting the Community reached agreement with Mr Cetin that political dialogue should be formalised and extended, including meetings as necessary between the Presidency or Prime Minister of Turkey and the Presidents of the European Council and European Commission, half-yearly meetings at Foreign Minister level and ad hoc meetings of officials.

Bearing in mind our common attachment to democracy, respect for human rights and international law, I am confident that this framework will enable the Community and Turkey to conduct a good exchange of views, building on the useful discussions held in the margins of the Association Council on 9 November. These issues include Cyprus, where the Community stresses, in line with Security Council

resolutions, that the present status quo is not acceptable, and requests Turkey to use its influence to help resolve current problems, on the basis of the Secretary-General's set of ideas.

The Community also remains committed to carrying forward actively other aspects of its relationship with Turkey under the Association Agreement, including the establishment of a Customs Union. The Community noted its continued commitment to this objective at the Association Council.

I hope you will agree that the success of the Association Council on 9 November, which gives substance to the Lisbon conclusions, allows the implementation of the Association Agreement to enter a new and more dynamic phase. The Community looks forward to developing this further in the future.

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