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OPENING SPEECH of PAN. PPOYIDES,
SECRETARY GENERAL of THE CYPRUS PEACE
COUNCIL AT THE MEETING AT LEDRA PALACE
- 26th. Oct. 89.

Dear friends,

This meeting ^{of ours} we consider to be of historical significance. It is the first joint meeting of the Cyprus Peace Council and the T/C Peace Com. ~~that we meet~~ on our own soil, on Cyprus soil. We met before of course, at least a number of us, at International Assemblies, Forums and Conferences of the World Peace Movement, in Copenhagen, Berlin, Prague, Sofia etc. etc. and ~~after~~ ^{during} those meetings we came out with Joint Declarations that were sending out the message of the common struggle of all the Cypriots for our common motherland. In all those joint Declarations ~~we~~ ~~stressed~~ ~~the~~ ~~peaceloving~~ ~~aspirations~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~people,~~ ~~both~~ ~~Greeks~~ ~~and~~ ~~Turks,~~ ~~and~~ ~~their~~ ~~wish~~ ~~that~~ ~~a~~ ~~peaceful~~ ~~solution~~ ~~to~~ ~~our~~ ~~problems~~ ~~be~~ ~~found~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~framework~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~island~~ ~~turned~~ ~~into~~ ~~a~~ ~~bastion~~ ~~of~~ ~~peace~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Mediterranean~~ ~~basin~~.

fully independent, sovereign, federal, non-aligned and demilitarised State. ~~This aspiration joined with the other sacred aspiration of our people for peace and security and security in the world for disarmament and~~

~~In the Declaration~~

I have in front of me ~~the~~ a copy of the Declaration we signed ⁱⁿ during the World Assembly for Peace and Hope that took place in Prague ~~on the 21st of~~ in June 1983.

I read: "Cyprus, which the aggressive imperialist forces wish to turn to an unsinkable aircraft carrier, must be a fully demilitarised country without any foreign troops or bases, a bridge of peace and friendship in the hot-spot area of the Eastern Mediterranean. This is dictated by the vital interests of all Cypriots, Greeks and Turks, who do not want to be the last inhabitants of their beautiful, historical island that managed to survive through out the ages."

This aspiration, as it is clear, joined with
 the other sacred aspiration of our
 people for peace in the world,
 for disarmament and detente, for
~~as peaceful solutions~~ such a course
~~in the~~ in the international arena
 that could lead to a world without
 the nightmare of a holocaust. This
~~inter~~ element of the interconnection between
~~the two~~ peace in Cyprus and peace
 in the world led our ^{Peace} Movement to
 to an active ^{support} participation
~~the~~ ~~an active~~ ~~involvement~~ into
 into the campaigns ^{participation} activities launched by the ^{participation}
~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~the~~ ~~Peace~~ ~~Council~~ ~~movement~~ into
~~an active engagement into the~~
 on all the major issues of Peace
 and Security in the world. And
 as ~~the~~ ~~our~~ our meeting takes place
 during the ^{UN} Week of Disarmament
~~the~~ I think that it is
 correct that we reiterate our
 resolution to offer full support
 to all initiatives and measures leading

The progress achieved to that end. ~~It was universally~~ in this field after agreements ~~reached~~ reached by the Soviet Union and the United States of America ~~are~~ ~~is~~ ~~considered~~ regarding the nuclear armament offers a ray of hope to the peoples of the world.

The point is how this process towards disarmament and detente is made ~~irreversible~~ further consolidated and regarding ~~the~~ Cyprus how this ~~is~~ ^{new hopeful spirit} ~~is~~ gets into our ~~small~~ tiny island. In this respect we of the Cyprus Peace Council are strongly convinced that much can be done by our movements. ~~and~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~ ~~that~~ ~~support~~ ~~promote~~ The ideas ~~we~~ ~~don't~~ ~~want~~ ~~to~~ ~~get~~ ~~into~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~problems~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~details~~ We can, and this is in line with ~~our~~ the ^{goals} ~~tasks~~ that we place in front of us as peace activists,

Thanks to the UN.

~~ever~~ help in creating ~~an~~ ~~atmosphere~~ ~~the necessary~~
~~of coming together for a~~
~~help~~ ~~is~~ ~~support~~ ~~of~~
 activate the public opinion around
 the issue of a peaceful solution
 of our ~~problems~~, ~~the~~ issue of
^{constructive} a dialogue ~~that~~ under the auspices of the
 UN Secretary General, ~~in the framework~~
~~of the UN~~, the issue of putting
 aside ~~everything that~~ the elements
 of confrontation of ~~racial or religious~~
~~the elements of~~ chauvinism, the
 issue of the federation, non-alignment,
 full demilitarisation.

I will not embark on concrete
 issues. This is ~~and~~ our first meeting on
~~and with these dimensions and our main concern is to get better~~
~~our soil~~ ~~and in this connection~~ ~~to get better~~
 on a personal basis. The agenda is open for a free exchange
 like to thank the UN officials that
 of views and ideas. ~~They~~ allow me
 offered their good officers ~~for~~ and helped
 in the realisation of this ~~happy event~~.
 only to say that it would be constructive
 if these views and ideas are orientated
 towards ~~no~~ ^{Joint activities} ~~common~~ ~~action~~ in ~~at~~
 different spheres. We cannot neglect

the fact that other movements and organisations from both sides are already active in this respect and that the results are quite encouraging. ~~Our people demands such~~ ~~joint common activities~~ ~~joint~~ We are sure that the ~~soit~~ conditions are ^{quite} ripe to pass from the sphere of wishes to the sphere of ~~practical~~ deeds. So let's ^{as Peace Movements} ^{more} a step forward ~~so~~ ^{in the direction of joint activities} ~~that we get in the direction~~ ~~in this way~~ for peace in Cyprus and peace in the World.

In concluding these general remarks I would to ~~thank~~ express ~~of~~ on behalf of all of you our thanks to the UN officials for the good offices they offered ~~to us~~ and for ~~the help they~~ the realisation of this ~~not~~ very happy indeed event.