## Statement by the Permanent Representative of Cyprus, Ambassador Andreas D. Mavroyiannis

"The Government of Cyprus welcomes the presidential statement adopted by the Security Council as a result of our recourse concerning the opening by the occupation authorities of the fenced area of Varosha in Cyprus. The actions taking place are very serious.

They create very important new faits accomplis that render the prospects for the settlement of the Cyprus problem very difficult to achieve. We are very grateful to the Council as an organ and to all members of the Security Council for their support and understanding and for their expression of their deep concern and for asking for the reversal of all those actions that are taking place on the ground. We will continue working for the continuation of the negotiations for the settlement of the Cyprus problem and in order to make sure that all Cypriots will be able to live in a reunited country.

We appeal to the occupation authorities, to Turkey in particular, to stop and rescind all actions that destroy the prospects of a negotiated settlement.

Thank you very much."