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Special Representative for Cyprus

The Secretary-General has notified the Security Council of his intention to appoint Michael Møller (Denmark) as his Special Representative for Cyprus and head of UNFICYP. He will replace current SRSG and Chief of Mission Zbigniew Włosowicz on the latter's completion of assignment on 30 November 2005.

Mr. Møller is currently the SG's Acting Deputy Chef de Cabinet, a position he took up in March this year, as well as Director for Political, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Affairs in the Executive Office of the SG.

Mr. Møller started his UN career with UNHCR from 1979-1984. He has held various senior advisory positions in the UN Secretariat including, from 1997 to 2001, Special Assistant to the USG for Political Affairs and, 1995 to 1997, Senior Political Adviser to the DG, UN Office in Geneva. He also headed the Office of the Special Adviser to the SG from 1994 to 1995.

His field assignments include serving as head of the UN Component in the Joint UN/OAS International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) in 1993, head of the sub-office for Southern Mexico, UNHCR, from 1987 to 1988, and Political Adviser to the UN Military Inspection Team in Iran in 1985.

Mr. Møller, 52, holds a master's degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A., and an undergraduate degree in the same field from the University of Sussex, UK.

Zodhia/Bostanci Crossing Point Opens

On 31 August, UNFICYP facilitated the opening of the island's fifth crossing point, connecting Astromeritis with Zodhia/Bostanci in the western sector of the buffer zone.

Both communities were committed to opening the crossing point, however they differed over timing and approach. Earlier in the year, the EU-funded demining project cleared minefields in the area to pave the way for the eventual opening.

UNFICYP facilitated discussions between the two sides throughout the process, right up to the last minute when, after a short delay, the crossing route finally opened for business under agreed temporary arrangements pending the launch of an EU-funded road improvement scheme.

Later this year, once contracts have been tendered and awarded, a UNDP/PFF project will upgrade and widen the existing road to accommodate two-way traffic, as well as install lighting and fencing to ensure the safe, long-term use and functioning of the latest crossing point.

Meantime, to ensure the prompt opening of the crossing, UNFICYP's Engineering Unit deployed at short notice. In the course of 10 strenuous days of all-out activity, they saw to it that the existing, narrow, hard-top road was ready to handle the initial traffic flow. Pot-holes were filled and broken asphalt repaired. Brush and overgrowth were cut back and trimmed and drainage ditches cleared. Signs were printed indicating speed limits and UNFICYP road regulations. Gates were installed on either side of the crossing where dirt roads intersected the main artery, to clearly mark the permissible areas for use by travellers.



UNFICYP engineers cutting back overgrowth

Since the width of the existing road does not allow for easy two-way passage, UNPOL officers were asked to provide for a one-way traffic signalling system. They were positioned at either end of the 1.8 kilometre stretch to help supervise a system allowing vehicles to pass one-way through the buffer zone at regular intervals. UNPOL will continue to provide this service until the installation of an alternative source of mechanised signalling can be arranged.

Until the EU-funded buffer zone road improvement project begins, the following temporary arrangements are in place to accommodate crossings:

- Vehicular traffic will be permitted to cross between 6.00 am and 7.00 pm daily
- Traffic movement will be one-way only in alternating periods
- No vehicle heavier than three tons will be allowed access



Media coverage as Turkish Cypriots applaud the crossing just before it opened

- All vehicles must be fully insured
- A 45 kph speed limit must be observed
- No stopping will be permitted along the road
- There will be no pedestrian traffic

UNPOL also set up a temporary police station near the northern checkpoint in what was formerly Sector 1 Camp Brown to deal with any emergencies such as car accidents or injuries. A permanent UNPOL station is planned for this location in the near future.



UNFICYP engineers raising road sign

The existence of the new crossing proved a timely boon to pilgrims travelling north to the Ayios Mamas Church in Morphou for special religious services on 1 and 2 September. UNFICYP helped facilitate passage for bus-loads of pilgrims bound for the ceremony and UNFICYP's PIO translators were on hand both days to help as needed. On the first day, 10 buses carrying some 600 Greek Cypriot civilians and clergy crossed to the north to attend their church services, and the following day, approximately 300 pilgrims made the same journey.

Since the opening, an estimated 12,000 Greek and Turkish Cypriots have used the crossing without incident.

Buses with pilgrims crossing to the north on 1 and 2 September



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World Summit - A Glass Half Full

By Kofi Annan

The "outcome document", adopted at the end of the United Nations world summit, has been described as "disappointing" or "watered down". This is true in part – and I said as much in my own speech to the summit. But, taken as a whole, the document is still a remarkable expression of world unity on a wide range of issues.

And that came as welcome news, after weeks of tense negotiations. As world leaders were arriving in New York, there were still 140 disagreements involving 27 unresolved issues. A final burst of take-it-or-leave-it diplomacy allowed the document to be finalized, but so late in the day that reporters and commentators had no time to analyze the full text before passing judgement. It is no criticism of them to say that many of their judgements are now being revised, or at least nuanced.

Indeed, I would not wish to criticize them, since most were very kind to me. They blamed the alleged failure on nation states, who, supposedly, failed to embrace the bold reform proposals that I had made. It is only fair that I set the record straight.

In March, when I proposed an agenda for the summit, I deliberately set the bar high, since in international negotiations, you never get

everything you ask. I also presented the reforms as a package, meaning not that I expected them to be adopted without change but that advances were more likely to be achieved together than piecemeal, since states were more likely to overcome their reservations on some issues if they saw serious attention given to others which for them were a higher priority.

In the end, that is precisely what happened.

The outcome document contains strong, unambiguous commitments, from both donor and developing countries, on precise steps needed to reach, by 2015, the development goals agreed on at the Millennium Summit five years ago – an achievement sealed, as it were, by President Bush's personal endorsement of the goals in his speech [to the GA].

It contains decisions to strengthen the UN's capacity for peacekeeping, peacemaking and peacebuilding, including a detailed blueprint for a new peacebuilding commission, to ensure a more coherent and sustained international effort to build lasting peace in war-torn countries.

It includes decisions to strengthen the office, and double the budget, of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; to create a worldwide early warning system for natural disasters; to mobilize new

resources for the fight against HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria; and to improve the UN's Central Emergency Revolving Fund, so that disaster relief arrives more promptly and reliably in future.

It lacks the clear definition of terrorism that I had urged. But it contains, for the first time in UN history, an unqualified condemnation, by all member states, of terrorism "in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes", as well as a strong push to complete a comprehensive convention on terrorism within 12 months, and agreement to forge a global counterterrorist strategy that will weaken terrorists while strengthening our international community.

Perhaps most precious to me is the clear acceptance by all UN members that there is a collective responsibility to protect civilian populations against genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, with a commitment to do so through the Security Council wherever local authorities are manifestly failing. I first advocated this in 1998, as the inescapable lesson of our failures in Bosnia and Rwanda. I am glad to see it generally accepted at last – and hope it will be acted on when put to the test.



A group photo of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly (2005 World Summit). The 14 to 16 September 2005 World Summit was the largest gathering of world leaders in history.

My proposal for a new UN Human Rights Council is also accepted, though without the details that I hoped would make this body a clear improvement on the existing Commission. These are left for the General Assembly to finalize during the coming year. Nations that believe strongly in human rights must work hard to ensure that the new body marks a real change.

Member states have accepted most of the detailed proposals I made for management reform. In the near future we should have more independent and rigorous oversight and auditing of our work; a cull of obsolete tasks and a one-time buy-out of staff, so that we can focus our energies on today's priorities and employ the right people to deal with them; and a thorough overhaul of the rules governing our use of

budgetary and human resources.

But they held back from a clear commitment to give the Secretary-General the strong executive authority that I and my successors will need to carry out the ever-broadening range of operations that the UN is tasked with.

I had also suggested a reform of the Security Council, making it more broadly representative of today's realities. Here too there is agreement on the principle, but the devil is in the detail. The document commits nations to continue striving for a decision, and calls for a review of progress at the end of 2005.

By far the biggest gap in the document is its failure to address the proliferation of nuclear weapons – surely the most alarming threat that we face in the immediate future,

given the danger of such weapons being acquired by terrorists. Some states wanted to give absolute priority to non-proliferation, while others insisted that efforts to strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) must include further steps towards disarmament. Thus the failure of the NPT review conference in May was repeated.

Surely this issue is too serious to be held hostage to such an Alphonse-and-Gaston act. I appeal to leaders on both sides to show greater statesmanship, and make an urgent effort to find common ground. Otherwise this summit may come to be remembered only for its failure to halt the unraveling of the non-proliferation regime – and its other real successes would then indeed be overwhelmed.

World Summit – Meeting the Challenge

The world's leaders, meeting at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14 to 16 September, agreed to take action on a range of global challenges, including the following:

DEVELOPMENT

- Additional \$50 billion a year for fighting poverty by 2010.
- All developing countries to adopt national plans for achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2006.

TERRORISM

- Clear and unqualified condemnation – by all governments, for the first time – of terrorism "in all its forms and manifestations,

committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes".

- Strong political push for comprehensive convention against terrorism within a year. Support for early entry into force of the Nuclear Terrorism Convention. All states are encouraged to join and implement it plus 12 other anti-terrorism conventions.
- Support for a strategy to fight terrorism in a way that makes the international community stronger and terrorists weaker.

PEACEBUILDING, PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEMAKING

- Create a Peacebuilding Commission to help countries' transition from war to peace, backed by a

support office and a standing fund.

- New standing police capacity for UN peacekeeping operations.

- Strengthen the Secretary-General's capacity for mediation and good offices.

RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

- Clear and unambiguous acceptance by all UN members of collective international responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. Willingness to take timely and decisive collective action for this purpose, through the Security

Council, when peaceful means prove inadequate and national authorities are manifestly failing to do it.

HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW

- Decisive steps to strengthen UN human rights machinery, backing action plan and doubling budget of High Commissioner.
- Establishment of UN Human Rights Council during 2006.
- Reaffirmation of democracy as a universal value, and welcome for new Democracy Fund (currently \$32 million pledged by 13 countries).
- Commitment to eliminate pervasive gender discrimination.
- Entry into force of the Convention Against Corruption.

MANAGEMENT REFORM

- Plan to make UN more efficient and accountable.
- Independent oversight committee and ethics office.
- Update UN by reviewing all mandates older than five years, so that obsolete ones can be dropped to make room for new priorities.

ENVIRONMENT

- Agreement to create a worldwide early warning system for all natural hazards.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

- Scaling up response to HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria.
- Commitment to fight infectious diseases, notably by fully implementing new international health regulations and sup-

porting WHO's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Improved Central Emergency Revolving Fund to ensure that relief arrives reliably and immediately when disasters happen.
- Recognition of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement as an important international framework for the protection of internally displaced persons.

UPDATING UN CHARTER

A decision to revise and update the Charter by:

- Winding up the Trusteeship Council, marking completion of UN's historic decolonisation role.
- Deleting anachronistic references to "enemy states" in the Charter.

FINCON Withdraws

On 16 September, 41.5 years after first stepping onto Cypriot soil, Finland's Contingent folded its flag and officially concluded its historic role as a founder member of UNFICYP's peacekeeping force.

On 4 March 1964, the then United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. U Thant, made the official request for Finland to join UNFICYP. The first Finnish Contingent, consisting of 1,007 men, arrived in Cyprus in April of that year, making Finland one of UNFICYP's first contingents.

The Finnish Contingent was deployed primarily to the Nicosia and Kyrenia districts. After 1974, FINCON assumed responsibility for what was formerly known as Sector 3, the area comprising Kykko Camp in the UNPA, North Nicosia, the Kyrenia area and a region to the west of Nicosia Airport.

UNFICYP's forces have twice been led by Finnish Commanders – Lt. Gen. Armas-Eino Martola from 1966 to 1969, and Maj. Gen. Ahti Vartiainen from 1994 to 1996. Since the arrival of the contingent in Cyprus, 11 Finns have died. Only one of them, Pte. Unto Pekka Juhani Matikainen, lost his life in the line of duty on 20 May 1964.

By late 1977, the majority of troops were repatriated back to Finland, ending active patrol duties in the mission. From then onwards, the Finnish Contingent has been relatively small, 10 individuals at first, consisting of staff officers, NCOs and military policemen. The number slowly reduced over the years until the departure of the last Finnish officer, Capt. Juha Markus, on 16 September 2005.



As Capt. Markus said, "It was a great honour to serve as the last Finnish peacekeeper here in Cyprus. My tour has been a rich and rewarding experience, and lowering the Finnish flag on 16 September is a significant tribute to all Finns who have served with UNFICYP over 41 years."

Sauna – Part of the Finnish Culture

As everyone who has been exposed, literally and figuratively to Finnish hospitality knows, the sauna is a central part of the Finnish culture and has been for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. With the Finns among the first nations to join UNFICYP in 1964, it was not surprising that, in 1974, the Finnish Ministry of Defence decided to donate a small wooden

"sweat" cabin (a sauna) to the Finnish Contingent, then stationed at Tjicklos Camp in the Kyrenia area.

When the Contingent moved to Finn Eagles Camp (later named Maple Leaf Camp) in 1975, the sauna followed them, arriving a year later in 1976.

In 1991, a new log cabin was donated by Finland and brought over to Cyprus. The old sauna was converted into a kitchen and attached to the new building. This involved the construction of a new roof and the addition of a veranda. Work was carried out by the Finnish Engineers from UNIFIL, based in Lebanon.

By the mid 1990s, the veranda was converted into a small living room, which is how the sauna stands today.

FINCON has taken great pride in and care of the sauna during its service with UNFICYP. On the final day of duty with the mission, 17 September 2005, the last departing Finn, Capt. Juha Markus, handed over the key to the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Francis Clancy, and expressed the hope that the same care and devotion would be given to the sauna as in the past.

In completing the exchange, Mr. Clancy paid the Finns a token £10.00! Judging by the cost of the establishment, UNFICYP is getting a bargain.



Finnish Exhibition

On 7 September, FC Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli opened a photo exhibition at the Finnish Embassy in Nicosia, depicting just over 41 years of Finnish presence with UNFICYP. During this time, approximately 10,000 Finnish peacekeepers served in Cyprus. The exhibition was opened to the public from 8 to 23 September.

The photographs will now be sent to Finland where in 2006, the Finns will celebrate 50 years of peacekeeping. During this time, some 44,000 Finns have served with the UN in the service of peace.



Departing in Style!



Signing out - and signing in!

At 9.45 am on 15 September, Col. Ian Sinclair left his office for the last time as UNFICYP Chief of Staff. Outside, standing to attention, was an honour guard with representatives from all sectors and units who had come to bid farewell to the man who had been their Chief of Staff for the last two years.

Col. Sinclair, in his normal stylish manner, took the time to speak to every single individual who was there to greet him – military, police and civilian alike. Then, once he had signed over responsibility of the

post to incoming COS Col. Fraser-Hopewell, he boarded a Tactica for what he thought was his last ride as a member of UNFICYP.

Not so! More was planned for this popular colonel. At the first roundabout, his Tactica was stopped and ambushed! Out he tumbled, only to find himself challenged to a race by Force Commander Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli!

The two then drove out of the UNPA, side by side, to the applause of the crowd.



Gen. Figoli applauds as Col. Sinclair starts the race!

Chief of Staff Handover

Col. Ian Sinclair has overseen some remarkable changes in the course of his two-year tour as UNFICYP Chief of Staff.

During 2004, when reunification of Cyprus was a serious prospect under the Annan Plan, he was required to prepare the way for transition to a new mission. Had a settlement been achieved, the Force would have been well prepared and ready to take on the new peacekeeping challenges presented by reunification.

More recently, Col. Sinclair oversaw the UNFICYP Force 860 restructure and down-sizing. This required him to plan and execute the most extensive changes seen in UNFICYP in more than a decade, and a seamless transition was achieved. The result is a new, highly effective mobile force concept – a great credit to Col. Sinclair.

UNFICYP Force Commander Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli commented: "Besides his considerable contribution in the operational environment, Col. Sinclair has helped to



Col. Ian Sinclair (left) with incoming COS, Col. Peter Fraser-Hopewell

achieve a greater degree of harmony between the military and civilian elements here in UNFICYP, more than I have ever witnessed in any mission before, and he is greatly respected by all colleagues within the force."

Col. Ian Sinclair handed over to Col. Peter Fraser-Hopewell on 15 September 2005.

Col. Peter Fraser-Hopewell was commissioned into the Royal Scots, an Infantry Regiment, in 1981, deploying immediately to Northern Ireland for just over four years before returning to the Royal Scots. After service in Germany, he was posted to Headquarters British Forces Cyprus in 1987 before moving to the Sinai as OC BRITCON for six months.

Promoted to Major, he returned to Northern Ireland from 1989 to 1991. Having been posted to HQ 2 Div/

NEDIST as SO2 G3 Trg, he returned to the Royal Scots as a Rifle Company Commander in 1993. In 1994, he served in Belize. He commanded the Royal Guard at Balmoral before once more deploying to Northern Ireland in 1995/96.

On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 1996, he left the Royal Scots to assume command of his Regiment. He was posted to Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in 1999 and deployed to Macedonia and then Kosovo with KFOR 1. In October 2001, on promotion to Colonel, he became Deputy Commander 3 Infantry Brigade.

Col. Fraser-Hopewell was Mentioned in Despatches in 1983 and 1991, awarded the MBE in 1995 and received the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in 1996. He is married to Clare and they have an eight-year-old daughter. Both are with him in Cyprus.

His interests include running, squash, skiing and sailing.

UNFICYP's Second Integrated Medal Parade



"Honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the United Nations Protected Area, Nicosia, and thank you for attending the combined military medal parade for the United Nations Force in Cyprus."

So began Maj. James Phillips, OC MFR, as he introduced the summer 2005 UNFICYP Medal Parade on the evening of 8 September. It was the second combined UN medal parade in the last eight months. This time, the event was held directly in front of the terminal building of the former Nicosia International Airport. The location, setting sun and a great deal of hard work in organising the parade ensured that it was a truly memorable occasion, not only for those being decorated with their medals, but for everyone present.

That evening, over 200 UNFICYP soldiers were presented with their peacekeeping medals, joining more than 160,000 blue berets who have served on the island since the inception of the Force.

The first to march on parade were the troops from Sector 1, led by Maj. Ezedel Cantori. Presenting the medals were Chief of Mission Zbigniew Wlosowicz, Force Commander Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli and CO Sector 1, Lt. Col. Federico Sidders.

The British Contingent, led by Maj. Howard Wilkinson, received their medals from the Chief of Mission, the Force Commander and the British High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. Peter Millet. The final contingent to march onto the parade square was Sector 4, led by Lt. Col. Miroslav Dobrodenka. The Slovak and Hungarian soldiers were decorated by the Chief of Mission, the Force Commander, Ambassador Jan Varso of Slovakia and Ambassador Janos Kisfalvi of Hungary.

The honour guard from the Mobile Force Reserve, commanded by Lt. Alex Markwick, carried out some "cracking" general salutes. All the hard work put in by the MFR in setting up the parade, the time spent on rehearsals and the "behind the scenes" preparation resulted in a first-class parade, followed by a wonderful reception hosted by the three contingents.

Thanks to the kind permission of the Commander, British Forces Cyprus, the band of the Royal Irish Regiment provided some wonderful musical accompaniment to the parade, as well as entertaining the guests at the reception.

A memorable occasion for all. The standard for the next parade has been set.



On the parade ground:



Peacekeepers from Sector 1 ...

... Sector 2 ...

... and Sector 4



Bosnia and Italy join UNPOL



From left: Father Umberto Barato, Comd. Carla van Maris, SRSB Wlosowicz, Mr. Pierluigi Trombetta, H.E. Nedeljko Maslesa, and Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli

On the morning of 31 August, the Bosnian and Italian flags were raised at Headquarters UNFICYP, representing the latest contingents to join UNFICYP's civilian police element, UNPOL.

Chief of Mission Zbigniew Wlosowicz and Senior Police Adviser Carla van Maris first greeted the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Nedeljko Maslesa, who is resident in Tel Aviv, but who flew over to UNFICYP especially for the occasion. The Italian Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Pierluigi Trombetta, was also welcomed to the Headquarters, as was Father Umberto Barato, the Papal representative of the Roman Catholic Church based in Nicosia.

The event began with the two diplomats inspecting a multi-national honour guard. The two flags were then raised to stand proudly alongside the other contingent flags at HQ UNFICYP.

A small reception was held in the PIO Conference Room, where, addressing the gathering, SPA van Maris welcomed the Bosnian and Italian police to the UNFICYP family. The number of contingents in UNPOL now stands at eight.

MFR – Multiple Skills on Call

With ice-cool, freshly-squeezed orange juice, and Tactica engines running, Force Commander Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli was welcomed by the 21/C MFR, Capt. Lucas Fillipi, to the HQ Mobile Force Reserve on 17 August. The purpose of the visit was to update the FC on the unit's operations in the past few months, and allow him to meet the soldiers who have continued to work so hard over this busy period.

In the circumstances, it is only fair to update the **Blue Beret** on the MFR's varying operational roles throughout the buffer zone and across the entire island.

We have demonstrated our capability as a crowd control force on numerous occasions. Our skills and knowledge have also been passed onto the next British Contingent, 12 Bty RA, who will take over from 10 Bty in October. Soldiers travelled to Sennelager, Germany, to train the future MFR team and share their working knowledge of UNFICYP. We have also trained soldiers from Sectors 1 and 4 in the art of urban crowd control. July and August saw the deployment of MFR to Sector 4, due to the possibility of an incursion into the buffer zone. MFR assets were also called upon in Sector 2.

MFR support to the mine action cell is crucial to the operational success of the de-mining process. Soldiers of all nationalities

have deployed throughout the buffer zone providing cordons and security to the de-miners. The demolition of the mines is one of the most rewarding sights. MFR troops are tasked with escort duties, staff safety and the provision of a fire-fighting capability at the mine demolition sites within the buffer zone.

MFR soldiers supported the recent media event hosted by the CM and the EU Special Representation. This event saw MFR soldiers working closely with many different elements of UNFICYP including the FMPU, UNPOL and Sector 2. Now that the historic agreement has been made, MFR troops will continue to be kept busy carrying out de-mining security and escorts.

The security of the UNPA is an extremely important role for the MFR. Always in the public eye, the soldiers ensure they are presented immaculately and protect the integrity of the UNPA. The area is constantly patrolled on foot, on bicycle and by vehicle. The entire buffer zone is regularly patrolled by MFR soldiers in support of all three sectors.

Our honour guards continue to welcome dignitaries visiting HQ UNFICYP, whilst our lifeguards continue to provide an extremely valuable service to the Dolphin swimming pool.

We have had a rewarding six months, and wish 12 Bty MFR group all the best during their tour.

Lt. Alex Markwick



Exiting MFR – pooling their resources!



Four members of the Senior Staff Group were amongst 20 civilian and military staff from HQ UNFICYP who swapped meetings, ringing telephones and piles of paperwork for a day of sea-borne team-building adventure sports at Dhekelia and Cape Greco.

Force Commander Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli, Chief Administrative Officer Frank Clancy, Spokesperson Brian Kelly, and Chief Integrated Support Services Gianfranco Longo found themselves sailing, kayaking and power-boating at Dhekelia Sailing Club. And later they were thrown – quite literally – in at the deep end, when they took a 10-metre plunge from the top of a Cape Greco cliff into a sea pool below. Well, to be fair, only the FC took the plunge! The others applauded from their secure perch on terra firma!

With only time for a brief introduction to each of the activities, participants were quickly and undeniably "all at sea" in a stern (and bow!) test of initiative, strength and stamina.

Amanda Wright

Senior Staff Group Swaps Desks for Dinghies

Kayaking saw the HQ UNFICYP members undertake a series of confidence-building moves. Participants were required, one by one, to stand up in their individual kayaks and follow a number of instructions, including a walk over the bows of their team members' canoes and back along the sterns to their own. Such group reliance proved to be a beneficial team-bonding tool.

With wind speed increasing throughout the day, those who went dinghy sailing did not stay dry for very long as, one-by-one, they capsized.... again and again! And for those rising to the cliff jumping challenge, there was a huge sense of achievement as they plunged into a swirling pool below to the cheers of support from fellow team members.

Maj. Neil Wright, Military Assistant to the Force Commander, coordinated the HQ UNFICYP participants. He explained: "The aim of this adventure sports package was to promote a spirit of team-building within the headquarters staff. It provided an opportunity for military and civilian personnel of all ranks and grades to work closely together in a different environment and strengthen the team dynamic, a factor critical to the effective and efficient function of any headquarters."

The day's activities were organised by Sector Two's Adventure Training Team, a group permanently based at Dhekelia's Joint Services Adventure Training Centre, charged with helping to develop a broad spectrum of personal and team skills to build soldiers' stamina, self-confidence and a sense of team spirit.

UNPOL Medal Parade

On 16 September, a combined UNPOL medal parade was held for the 82nd Australian Contingent, the first Croatian Contingent and the third Dutch Contingent.

The presentation was presided over by FC Maj. Gen. Hebert Figoli. Also in attendance were the Australian High Commissioner and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Hunt, Counsellor Ms. Quirine van de Linde from the Dutch Embassy, and Mr. Marko Kricancic (Croatia), Head of Department of the European Integration and Peacekeeping Operations.

Following the presentation, a reception was held in the newly named UNPOL club.



International Peace Day – 21 September 2005

To mark International Peace Day, Secretary-General Kofi Annan rang the Peace Bell at 9:30 a.m. in a ceremony at UN Headquarters New York, which was attended by UN Messengers of Peace Anna Cataldi, Michael Douglas, Jane Goodall and Elie Weisel.



Departures from HQ UNFICYP

Mike, the Irish Legend

After a career spanning some 31 years in the service of peace with the United Nations, Field Service Officer Michael Moriarty reached mandatory retirement age and gracefully, perhaps even elegantly, left his final peacekeeping assignment in UNFICYP, Cyprus, for greener pastures in the Emerald Isle.

Michael's distinguished career with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (as it is now known) in the United Nations started in 1974 in Jerusalem and brought him to such exotic places as Cairo, Damascus, Teheran, Baghdad, Armenia, Bosnia, Croatia, Pakistan, Bougainville and others until finally, Cyprus in 2000, where he served for the last five years.

Michael was well known for his forthrightness and unfailing pursuit of the truth, even sometimes to the detriment of his career. In fact, he is often referred to as the "Founder" of the Field Service Staff Union, an organisation he helped establish in 1975 and which he served faithfully in many capacities over the years.

Mike was an avid jogger and completed numerous marathons around the world. He took up dancing in later years and became such an accomplished tango dancer that he established a tango club in UNFICYP which flourishes to this day.

As a former member of the Irish Police (An Garda Síochána), Mike had a special affinity for the Irish members of the United Nations Civilian Police (UNPOL). This in turn was reciprocated by the Irish officers, to the extent that Mike was presented on behalf of the Irish Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Peter Fitzgerald, with a statuette of Cúchulainn, the legendary Irish hero, and a crystal bowl bearing the insignia of An Garda Síochána in recognition of his support over the years. Making the presentation was former UNPOL Irish Contingent Commander, Supt. Eamonn Lynch (now retired), who flew over from Ireland especially for a surprise farewell event in Mike's honour.



Mike returns to his home in Cork where he will reside with his lovely wife Christine (who also happens to be a professional level tango dancer). Not surprisingly, dancing is on the agenda for most nights of the week. Their children, Aisling and Nigel, are not far away and are expected to be regular visitors.

Mike Moriarty has been a sturdy fixture of the UN in one mission or another for many years. He accomplished all assignments with courtesy, high fidelity and unfailing good humour. The many fine tributes that were paid to him are an inspiring manifestation of the high esteem in which he is held. They are not only a compliment for the past, but a reflection of the future.

We wish him a long, happy and healthful retirement.

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Lee, the Understanding Minister

With five years of experience as an army chaplain behind him (including two operational tours in the former Yugoslavia), Padre Lee Gandiya arrived in November 2002 to take up his post as the padre of UNFICYP's British Contingent.

Lee had an immediate impact on the force. Although mainly here for the British soldiers of Sector 2 and units within the UNPA, he was soon deeply involved with the mission's other nationalities. He then branched out even further and found himself supporting a civil parish in Nicosia and working with the diplomatic community on the island.

As padre, he presided over many events including British parades and celebrations, the annual UNFICYP Christmas carol service, ANZAC day, etc, and also conducted wedding services for members of the force of various nationalities. Not all his duties were happy ones. He has conducted funeral and memorial services, and with commitment and compassion, given much needed support to the bereaved.

Lee is very proud of the improvements made to St. Columba's Church during his tour, especially the memorial board, dedicated to those who died while serving with UNFICYP.

Lee is unique in that he is a one-man driving statistic, averaging one accident a year! His most significant driving achievement was undoubtedly the occasion he drove over the bicycles of the previous Force Master Driver's children. During his farewell address in the



International Officers' Club, Lee made a moving and impassioned appeal for people **not** to lean their bikes against the front of the padre's vehicle!

Lee ministered to our multinational flock with understanding, devotion, effectiveness, and a wonderful sense of humour. He returns to the UK as the unit chaplain of 13 Air Assault Brigade Logistic Regiment based in Colchester, Essex.

We wish him and his family God speed.

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Arrivals at HQ UNFICYP

Senior Adviser

Ms. Susan Allee, a native New Yorker, has recently taken up the position of Acting Senior Adviser in the absence of UNFICYP's Wlodek Cibor who is currently posted to HQ UN New York on temporary assignment with the Asia & Middle East Division, Office of Operations, DPKO.

Ms. Allee, who gained a JD from the Northeastern University School of Law in 1986, comes to the mission from DPKO where she held the post of Senior Political Affairs Officer dealing with Mid-East peace-keeping missions since 2000. Prior to that, she was Deputy Chief at the Legal Office, UNMIBH (1998-2000); Chief, Policy, Planning & Review Unit in FALD/DPKO (1996-98); Political Affairs Officer, Situation Centre (1995-96); Legal Officer, Office of Human Resources Management (1994-95); and Special Assistant to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Human Rights Officer in the UN Observer Mission in South Africa (1993-94).

Ms. Allee has been active in community work, working over the years on behalf of Equality Now, the



International Human Rights committee of the NYC Bar Association, the staff union of Legal Aid attorneys, Amnesty International USA and a variety of US civil rights organisations.

OIC Civil Affairs

Samba Sane, from Guinea-Bissau, arrived in UNFICYP on 9 August for an initial three-month assignment as OIC Civil Affairs.

Samba arrived from New York Headquarters after a one-year appointment as the Desk Officer for Cyprus, and was therefore familiar with the Cyprus situation. Prior to New York, he was with UNMIK in Kosovo for five years, where his last post was that of UN Acting Municipal Representative of Mitrovica/e Municipality. From 1995-99, he was attached to the Permanent Mission of Guinea-Bissau to the UN in New York.

Samba is married to Maribela and they have two children, Yussuf (16) and Aicha (8).

Samba loves soccer, and says he will travel anywhere to see a good match!



BRITCON Padre

Rev. Stephen Hancock was born in Whitley Bay, Northumberland. After leaving school, he moved to Plymouth where he worked as a clerk for British Gas before moving on to become a showroom manager in Cornwall.

Aged 20, he worked as a bouncer (*a guard in a discotheque!*) in Plymouth until the age of 25 when he joined the army as a Royal Military Policeman. After almost six years, he left the army to commence training for the ordained ministry with the intention of returning to the army as a padre.

After completing his theology degree at Queen's University in Belfast, Stephen was sent to Waterford in the Republic of Ireland where he was ordained as a Methodist Minister and where he ministered for four years. He was then approached by the Army Chaplain's Department and entered chaplaincy in September 2002.

Before arriving at HQ BRITCON in Nicosia, Stephen served with the Royal Dragoon Guards and 1 CS Medical Regiment on Op Telic (Iraq), as well as serving in BATUS, Canada. Whilst here, he is studying for a Master's Degree in Military Chaplaincy with the



University of Cardiff, sponsored by the Royal Army Chaplain's Department and the Ministry of Defence.

Stephen has been married to Anita for 15 years and they have three children – Rebekah (7), Thomas (5) and Matthew (3). His interests include Arsenal football club, squash, golf and motorbikes (he owns a Suzuki Bandit GSF 1200S).

CESSAC – Where Everyone Knows Your Name

In a picturesque setting on the southern perimeter of the UNPA nestles the Nicosia CESSAC. This small but popular establishment is the meeting point for many of those who live and/or work in the UNPA.

Donna Zalavras, the present Manager, hails originally from Darlington in northern England. She arrived in Cyprus four years ago with her husband and two sons. Eighteen months ago, she saw an advertisement in the newspaper for her job. She applied, was accepted and has been very happy ever since.

Donna works mostly in the shop, which boasts a variety of goods including UN memorabilia, small gifts, magazines, newspapers and greetings cards. As manageress, she coordinates the overall running of the establishment with Gina Potter, the Regional Manager who is based in Episkopi. "It's the best move I made since I came to the island", says Donna. "The people I work and mix with are great. I love meeting all the different nationalities. They are grateful for everything we do, and it's a pleasure to work here."

Aysen Ahmet, who has two married sons, comes from Nicosia. She has been working for CESSAC for just over 10 years, six years in the Dhekelia branch and four here in the UNPA.

Aysen is the expert in the kitchen. She caters on site on a daily basis. Whenever a customer walks in, there is always an array of delicious cakes, pies, quiches, etc. on display. Every day there is a "lunch special". Any nationality can ask for anything, and Aysen will do her best. She produces traditional dishes (e.g. moussaka, meatballs, local soups) and also respects Muslim customs by avoiding pork and using only beef for several specialties. In this way, everyone has a choice and can eat either in the air-conditioned dining room, or outside on the attractive patio (under shade, of course!)

Marlette Miliadous, born and bred in New Jersey, USA, met her husband when he was studying in the States. They have five children, three sons and two daughters, and have been living in Cyprus for the past 16 years.



From the left: Aysen, Donna, Maroni and Marlette

Marlette took up the post in CESSAC four months ago. She says: "With all I have to do at home, this job is perfect for me. The hours are such that I can manage the house and the job as well. It's great for a working mother." Marlette spends most of her time taking orders in the dining room. She says: "Some of the different nationalities have a bit of a hard time with my American accent, but I think they've got used to me by now!"

The only male on the staff is **Maroni Hanna**, a Cypriot Maronite who hails from Kormakiti in the north west of the island. After 45 years of service with the NAAFI, Maroni retired seven years ago and started immediately with CESSAC. Maroni's tasks include ordering supplies and stock-taking for the kitchen. He also takes over responsibility for most of the "grills".

Maroni, who occasionally gives the appearance of a reserved individual, says: "It's a bit hard at times, dealing with four women – three at work and my wife at home! But I think I'm very lucky to be in a cheerful environment like this." The women agree!

Opening Hours

Monday-Friday	0800-1400 hrs
Saturday	0900-1200 hrs
Sunday	Closed

We now know what the CESSAC sells, but how did it originate and why was it formed?

In the 1800s, the British Army provided hardly any comfort and welfare for the soldier outside his barrack room, which in itself was primitive with few bathing facilities. There was a camp canteen which sold beer brewed under contract, but nothing else.

So in 1857, a Church of England Institute was opened in South Camp, Aldershot, aimed at giving men somewhere to go for peace and quiet, but this facility did not last. The British Secretary of State for War tried to re-start the movement with a donation of £1,000 towards a place "where chaplains could meet the men on a friendly footing". Only in the 1880s did the idea really catch on. A group of officers, including a chaplain, hired rooms in Aldershot's Union Street and soon followed this by building the Victoria Institute nearby.

The institute provided refreshments (but no intoxicants), hot baths, games rooms and quiet rooms, and was a place where any soldier was welcome – whatever his religion.

The success of the Aldershot Institute was so great that others quickly followed in the main military towns. The first overseas Church of England Institute was

opened in 1891. In the same year, the Church of England Soldiers' Institutes were formed under the Companies Act to co-ordinate their activities, and a fund-raising campaign was begun to expand the movement. The Queen and other members of the British Royal Family became patrons of the Association and by 1917, there were 105 institutes worldwide. In 1902, the name was expanded to "Soldiers and Sailors" and then in 1930, when the number of institutes had fallen to 31, to "Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's" Institutes. Latterly in 1958, the word "clubs" was substituted for "institutes" and the term CESSAC (**Church of England Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Clubs**) came into being.

In the years that followed the Second World War, the clubs were used less and less by servicemen. They had more money in their pocket and better food and living conditions, but the biggest factor was the run-down of the services.

By the 1970s, only one club remained at Dhekelia. However today, Cyprus is served by three CESSAC centres at Nicosia, Dhekelia and Episkopi. The latter two were recently transferred from the YMCA.

"Toilet Seat" Trophy!

On 29 July, Sector 2 held the hotly contested Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess versus Officers' Mess annual cricket match for the much coveted "Toilet Seat Trophy".

The UNPA provided the venue, with a bar area and BBQ set up to take full advantage of the pleasant surroundings. Going into bat first, the WOs' & Sgts' Mess team racked up an impressive 141-6 in the 20 over limited match, despite the blistering right arm fast medium of Capt. Andrews.

Of note was Sgt. Goodman who displayed considerable skill, putting in a solid captain's innings to drive the WOs' & Sgts' Mess forward. The RSM was sent on his way by Maj. Bennett. To much quacking, though not to be outdone when the officers went in to bat, the RSM wreaked revenge by bowling the Commanding Officer with a peach of a delivery, dismissing him for a mere two runs.

The Adjutant, Capt. Hart, made a valiant attempt to save the day, but could only muster 37 before being

bowled (helped in no small part by the joint efforts of Messrs. Carlsberg and Keo). The officers' attempt to win the trophy was therefore doomed, the underdogs only managing 116 all out.

It appears that the UN police, rather than supporting the event, were in fact on an intelligence gathering mission, as shortly after the end of the match, Sector 2 were challenged to a game – to be played soon.

Watch this space...



The much coveted "Toilet Seat Trophy"

TF Win but UNFICYP are Tops!

According to the Sector 1 football captain, "Football is more than a sport - it is something truly universal. You can talk with anybody about football".

This proved correct in the buffer zone. Following one of his meetings with Commander 49 Regt, Turkish Forces, CO Sector 1 Lt. Col. Federico Sidders decided to challenge the TF to a football match. They accepted, and the game was arranged for 6.00 pm on 6 September.

On the day, the teams, made up of all ranks, met at the pitch close to Camp Roca. With all players well kitted out, the match started. The first half was very close and ended with the TF scoring one goal. During the second half, the TF scored another four goals, declaring the game a clear victory for their team.

It was a competitive yet friendly match with good spirit prevailing throughout. The referee's performance was flawless, as was that of all players, proven by the fact that no-one was severely reprimanded or sent off the field!

During the match, refreshments were provided for players and spectators alike by the Turkish Forces. Afterwards, the TF presented a trophy to each team, a gift for the player who scored most goals and a bouquet of roses for Sector 1's team captain.



Sector 1 organised a "third half" for the players where snacks, sandwiches and cold drinks were served, as well as Argentinian "empanadas".

The evening closed with a dinner held at Camp Roca for the senior officers, where all were able to relax and chat without operational concerns looming over their heads!

Sector 1 may have lost the football match, but UNFICYP came out tops!

Club Endorphin

The CLUB ENDORPHIN is a specialised fitness facility situated near the sports pitches within the UNPA. Run and maintained by the British Contingent, it is open to all members of UNFICYP – civilian, military and police – and their dependants.

It boasts an ideal training environment. Not only is there air conditioning to order, but also audio-visual equipment to entertain you during your workout!

The equipment is top of the range, hi tech, simple to use and consists of:

Concept II Indoor Rowing Machines
Steppers
Exercise Bikes
Body Lift Multi Gym
Loose Weights & Dumbbells
Power Jogger (Treadmill)
Workout Steps & Abdominal Exercises

Club entrance is arranged by password, so you can visit the club any time of day or night. Once you've finished your workout, use the shower facilities and leave relaxed.



Membership costs are as follows:

UN military:	monthly	-	£5.00
	six-monthly	-	£25.00
UN civilian:	monthly	-	£7.00
	six-monthly	-	£35.00

For further information and membership details, please contact the PROM, Maj. Fred Reid, on 22-614412 between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm.