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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 8766th meeting of the Security Council, held on 9 October 2020, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Cyprus", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reaffirms the status of Varosha as set out in previous United Nations Security Council resolutions, including resolution [550 \(1984\)](#) and resolution [789 \(1992\)](#). The Security Council reiterates that no actions should be carried out in relation to Varosha that are not in accordance with those resolutions.

"The Security Council expresses its deep concern regarding the announcement in Ankara on 6 October to open the coastline of Varosha and calls for the reversal of this course of action, and for the avoidance of any unilateral actions that could raise tensions on the island.

"The Security Council stresses the importance of full respect and implementation of its resolutions.

"The Security Council reaffirms its commitment to an enduring, comprehensive and just settlement in accordance with the wishes of the Cypriot people, and based on a bicomunal, bizonal federation with political equality, as set out in relevant Security Council resolutions. In this regard, the Security Council calls on the Cypriot sides and the Guarantor Powers to engage in dialogue constructively and with a sense of urgency following the electoral process in the Turkish Cypriot community.

"The Security Council reiterates its support for the Secretary-General and his intention to convene a meeting as agreed between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot leaders in their meeting with the Secretary-General in November 2019.

"The Security Council shall remain seized of the matter."

