



**76th SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ON AGENDA ITEM 138:
PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET 2022 – SPECIAL POLITICAL MISSIONS
New York, 22 October 2021**

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

As this is the first time I request the floor, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Chair of the Fifth Committee, the Permanent Representative of Armenia, as well as the rest of the members of the Bureau on your election. I assure of my delegation's commitment to supporting the Chair and the Bureau throughout the session.

Also, I would like to thank the Controller on behalf of the UN Secretariat and the ACABQ Chair for introducing their respective reports.

While Cyprus subscribes to the statement made by the European Union, we would like to echo – in our national capacity – that deliberations on Special Political Missions, in the context of the Fifth Committee, ought to address and ensure the resources for the implementation of the mandates decided by the Security Council.

In this regard, it is expected that the reports produced by the Secretariat respect and are fully in line with the language used in the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, from which the mandates of the Special Political Missions emanate.

In the case of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus, the mandate derives from the provisions of relevant UN Security Council resolutions, which stipulate that the basis for a settlement is none other than the bicomunal, bizonal federation. The established parameters for the reunification of Cyprus have been time and again affirmed by the Security Council, including in its latest resolution of July 2021.

Explicit references to the basis for the solution to the Cyprus issue, as described in the Security Council resolutions, cannot be considered discretionary. We hope that the reports to come will rectify this oversight, especially considering the difficulties we are facing because of the positions of the occupying country on the Cyprus issue, which unambiguously lay outside the UN established parameters.

In closing, we count on the reassurances by the Secretariat that despite the challenges, the Secretary General remains guided by the Security Council resolutions, which are referenced in his report.