

In a news conference he held afterward, Halefoglu recalled that the Turkish side agreed to the UN draft framework agreement of 29 March, adding that he would not discuss any other proposals. He also pointed out that a Greek Cypriot recourse to the United Nations would only make the solution of the Cyprus problem more difficult. I have explained to UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar that it is impossible for the Turkish side to agree to any new approach outside the UN framework agreement, he added.

Referring to the plight of Turks living in Bulgaria, Halefoglu said Turkey was determined to keep this issue on the agenda of international organizations and to exert all the necessary efforts.

He concluded by saying that during his stay in New York he had the opportunity to explain the Turkish views on various international issues. He added: It is obvious that a positive stand by other countries regarding Turkey's national causes will favorably affect bilateral relations and increase opportunities for cooperation. Noting that he got the impression this fact is now understood by more countries than in the past, Halefoglu said indications to this effect could be noticed in speeches delivered at the UN General Assembly by representatives of various countries.

Returns, Makes Statement

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[Text] Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu said if the UN General Assembly passed a pro-Greek Cypriot resolution, it would have no meaning. He also said the fact that Iran and Iraq both asked Turkey to represent their mutual interests is the clearest proof of the correctness of Turkey's policy.

Halefoglu returned to Turkey from New York where he attended the UN General Assembly session. In a statement at Esenboga Airport, he pointed out that the latest developments in U.S.-Soviet relations and the Iran-Iraq war were the two issues that were closely followed at the UN General Assembly. He pointed out that Turkey has a special position regarding the Iran-Iraq war. He said: the fact that both Iran and Iraq asked Turkey to represent their mutual interests is the clearest proof that Turkey has been pursuing a very correct policy regarding this issue. The foreign minister stressed that such a situation is very rarely seen in the law of the states, adding that Italy and Pakistan represent the interests of France and Iran.

Halefoglu said the Cyprus problem and the oppression of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria retain their importance for Turkey. He added that in all his contacts he discussed Turkey's views on these issues.

The foreign minister said the Cyprus problem was placed on the UN General Assembly agenda after 4 years, but his impression was that it did not receive much support. He stressed that the issue was brought to the General Assembly only for the sake of propaganda. He said that agreeing to the proposals made by the UN secretary general in March last year would be the best way to solve the problem. He added: maybe, the UN General Assembly will pass a resolution on the Cyprus issue, but if it is pro-Cypriot, it will have no meaning and will not help solve the problem.

Bozer Concludes European Tour on EEC Ties

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[Text] State Minister Ali Bozer returned home today after concluding his tour of Europe on Turkey's relations with the EEC. In a statement at Ankara's Esenboga Airport, Bozer explained that in Brussels he held talks with Claude Cheysson, the EEC official responsible for the Mediterranean, Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, and members of the European Parliament.

He added that during his talks, he briefed his interlocutors on the course Turkey's application for full membership in the EEC will follow and on the activation of existing association agreements with the EEC. He stressed that these agreements are of a complementary nature to Turkey's application and are necessary to economically prepare Turkey for full membership in the EEC.

He said that he held talks with European Parliament members on the establishment of a joint parliamentary committee. He concluded by saying that during his visit to the FRG, he briefed German businessmen on the economic progress made recently in Turkey.

U.S. Secretary of Energy Arrives, Meets Ozal

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[Text] U.S. Secretary of Energy John Herrington arrived in Turkey today as part of his tour of various countries. He was received at Ankara's Esenboga Airport by Finance and Customs Minister Kurtcebe Alptemocin. Prime Minister Turgut Ozal received the U.S. secretary of energy at his office. Alptemocin also attended the meeting. It is reported that the water project planned between Turkey and Middle Eastern countries will be discussed during Herrington's contacts in Turkey. After leaving Turkey on 6 October, Herrington will proceed to Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Morocco.