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TÜSİAD: “Negotiations should lead to a final solution on Cyprus”

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan continues his efforts to reach a framework agreement on the principles for a solution on Cyprus before the EU Copenhagen Summit. Secretary General’s receptive approach to the reservations and proposals of the parties has been a positive step towards a final solution in the island. Acceptance by the parties, despite some reservations, of Secretary General’s November 11 proposal on Cyprus as basis for further negotiations increased our hopes for a lasting settlement.

Signing of a framework agreement before Copenhagen Summit on December 12 will not only offer Turkey a favorable prospect but also reinforce enlargement process of the EU.

Turkey now has the opportunity to contribute considerably to the international efforts to resolve this long-lasting dispute. In addition to its effects on Turkey’s EU membership process, reaching a viable solution on Cyprus will serve a broader cause of providing welfare and peace to the Turkish Cypriots and strengthening Turkish foreign policy objectives.