



Security Council

Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 7319th meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 November 2014, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The Situation in Greece", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

The United Nations Security Council strongly condemns the actions of the Greek political party known as Golden Dawn. Their actions breach both the democratic procedures of the Hellenic Republic and violate the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* with their attacks on individuals within the nation of Greece.

The legitimate government of Greece has long represented the will of the people of Greece. The Golden Dawn organization had formerly moved within procedural norms of this democratic representation, obtaining 16 of 300 seats in the Hellenic Parliament so that their voices may be heard. However, their actions represent an illegitimate seizure of governmental power. Should they have desired to have a greater voice within the government of Greece, they should have continued to advance their policies through established democratic procedures. Such procedures exist so that all groups within a nation's population may have their voices heard. Golden Dawn's overthrow of the democratic process silences these voices and inhibits the will of the people from being acted upon by a representative body.

The actions of Golden Dawn show a disregard for the humanity of the peoples inhabiting Greece. Their violence and human rights abuses are abhorrent, and the Security Council condemns these actions in the strongest of terms. Golden Dawn's treatment of immigrants is reflective of the discrimination displayed before noted instances of genocide, and the Security Council fears that an escalation of the discrimination and mistreatment of immigrants could evolve into a situation of genocide. The rights of all humans are established within the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, and these rights must be upheld.

The Security Council continues to recognize the original government of Greece as the only legitimate government within the member state of the Hellenic Republic, and does not recognize the Golden Dawn as a legitimate source of power. The overall population of Greece has not democratically elected Golden Dawn into power and therefore they do not represent the will of the people.

The United Nations Security Council expresses its alarm at the hostage situation involving German diplomats and wishes to reclaim these hostages without any harm or loss of life. We also understand the concerns of Turkey regarding the safety and wellbeing of its citizens inhabiting

the island Cyprus. However, we believe that other options exist to assure the safety of these citizens aside from a Turkish presence of the southern portion of the island. These options may include the deployment of a contingent of UNFICYP forces on the island of Cyprus to prevent any violence or civil unrest relating to conflicting parties from occurring, provided Cyprus approves of such measures and feels their sovereignty isn't threatened. The Security Council would be open to other multilateral suggestions that would ensure the safety of civilians without a Turkish presence. In the meantime, we would look highly upon the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Southern Cyprus.

The Security Council will not stand for the overthrow of the government of Greece. We condemn in the strongest of terms the actions and violence displayed by the Golden Dawn organization and we will do all we can to ensure that the will of the people of Greece is properly represented within a legitimate form of government.