

Sticking points in EU-Turkey trade-off

A Finnish plan to save Turkey's EU membership talks has sparked intense diplomatic wrangling on the future status of Cyprus. The Greek Cypriot government rejects key demands from Turkish Cypriots, threatening to use its veto to block Ankara's accession to the 25-member club



President **Tassos Papadopoulos**



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

OCCUPIED CYPRUS: Under Turkish military occupation since 1974 invasion. Around 160,000 Greek-Cypriots forcibly displaced to south



KEY ISSUES

ECONOMY EU demands that Turkey open its ports and airports to traffic from member state Cyprus before end of year. EU wants Cypriot government to end economic isolation of north

SOVEREIGNTY Papadopoulos argues EU trade with north would undermine Cyprus Republic's claim of sovereignty over whole island. Turkey refuses to recognize Greek-Cypriot administration in south

FAMAGUSTA Helsinki plan wants fenced-off port placed under UN supervision to allow direct trade between Turkish-Cypriots and EU

VAROSHA Papadopoulos wants ghost resort town to be returned to original Greek-Cypriot residents

ERCAN Turkish-Cypriot leader **Mehmet Ali Talat** wants any interim deal to include opening of Ercan airport – vital to holiday trade



Papadopoulos rejects opening Ercan. Ali Talat rejects return of Varosha and Famagusta to Greek Cypriots unless part of "comprehensive" peace deal