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Flawed claims on the Cypriot issue

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From Mr Robert Ellis.

Sir, Your claim ("Engaging Turkey", September 8) that "the EU members made a fundamental mistake in allowing that divided island [Cyprus] to join without a deal" flies in the face of historical fact. The European Union agreed in 1995 to begin accession negotiations with Cyprus. At the Helsinki summit in 1999, when Turkey was accepted as a candidate, the European Council stated: "If no settlement has been reached by the completion of accession negotiations, the council's decision on accession will be made without the above being a precondition."

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