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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and relevant EU legislation provide for a common policy for third-country nationals requiring international protection in a Member State<sup>1</sup>, as well as for nationals of a Member State applying for asylum in another Member State<sup>2</sup>. The EU asylum legal framework is thus not applicable to the situation described by the Honourable Member. In line with the TFEU, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund may support only actions focusing on third-country nationals, including stateless persons or persons with undetermined nationality who are not citizens of the Union<sup>3</sup>.

A comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue would be the quickest and most direct way to solve the problems related to displaced persons and property issues, which have been topics discussed by the leaders of the two Cypriot communities in the framework of negotiations. The matter raised by the Honourable Member once again emphasises the importance of resuming negotiations and reaching a solution.

The EU remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem within the United Nations (UN) framework, in accordance with all relevant UN Security Council resolutions and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded and the *acquis*. It is ready to play an active role in supporting all stages of the UN-led process, with all appropriate means at its disposal<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT:en:PDF> Art. 67(2) and Art. 78(1) and (2).

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT:en:PDF>, Protocol No 24.

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02021R1147-20240611>, Art. 2(11) and 5(4).

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/m5jlwe0p/euco-conclusions-20240417-18-en.pdf>