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Question for written answer E-002806/24
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Was the Cyprus problem discussed at Kallas' meeting with Fidan?

Public statements issued following the meeting of the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas, with Türkiye's Foreign Minister, Hakan Fidan, show that a number of issues were discussed, including Ukraine, but no reference was made to the Cyprus problem.

If the Cyprus problem was indeed left off the agenda, this would be unacceptable and raise serious questions about the EU's response to such a serious instance of violation of international law, concerning the very sovereignty and territorial integrity of an EU Member State.

In view of this, can the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say:

1. Did she broach the Cyprus problem — a crucial issue in EU-Türkiye relations — during the meeting?
2. If she did broach this issue, what was said in response? If not, this is unacceptable and provocative behaviour on the part of the EU.
3. Considering that the EU's relationship with Türkiye is now the Vice-President/High Representative's stated priority, where does the Cyprus problem come on her agenda?

We expect clear and immediate explanations.

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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In April 2024, the European Council reiterated the particular importance the EU gives to resumption of and progress in the Cyprus settlement talks in further enhancing EU-Türkiye cooperation ⁽¹⁾. This emphasises that the topic is a priority on the European agenda.

In line with this political guidance, EU officials regularly raise this topic in their meetings with Turkish counterparts, at all levels. This meeting was thus not an exception.

The High Representative/Vice-President will continue to reiterate the need for a constructive Turkish engagement on the Cyprus issue in all her future meetings with the Turkish Foreign Minister.

The EU is fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem, within the United Nations (UN) agreed 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 remains crucial that Türkiye commits and actively contributes to such a peaceful settlement, including its external aspects.

Welcoming the recent steps taken by the UN Secretary-General towards a resumption of settlement talks, the EU remains ready to play an active role in supporting all stages of the UN-led process, with all appropriate means at its disposal ⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/m5jlwe0p/euco-conclusions-20240417-18-en.pdf>
⁽²⁾ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-16983-2024-INIT/en/pdf>