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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has repeatedly expressed its expectation by Türkiye to de-escalate tensions in the interest of regional stability in the Eastern Mediterranean¹.

In particular, the Commission has underlined in the 2024 report on Türkiye² that, as stemming from obligations under the Negotiating Framework, Türkiye is expected to make an unequivocal commitment to good neighbourly relations, international agreements and the peaceful settlement of disputes including through the International Court of Justice. Türkiye must avoid threats and actions that damage good neighbourly relations and respect the sovereignty of all Member States over their territorial sea and airspace as well as all their sovereign rights, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

This is essential to ensure a stable and secure environment in the Eastern Mediterranean and the development of a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the EU and Türkiye³. The EU continues to stress that Türkiye should commit and actively contribute to normalising its relations with the Republic of Cyprus⁴.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/57442/2022-06-2324-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>.

² https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/8010c4db-6ef8-4c85-aa06-814408921c89_en?filename=T%C3%BCrkiye%20Report%202024.pdf.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_6157.

⁴ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-16983-2024-INIT/en/pdf>.