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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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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 a peaceful settlement, including its external aspects. As per the conclusions of the European Council of 17-18 April 2024, the EU attaches particular importance to the resumption of and progress in the Cyprus settlement talks in further enhancing EU-Türkiye cooperation¹. The Council conclusions on Enlargement of 2024 welcomed the recent steps taken by the UN Secretary-General towards a resumption of settlement talks, indicating that the EU remains ready to play an active role in supporting all stages of the UN-led process, with all appropriate means at its disposal². These messages are continuously communicated to the Turkish authorities.

Concerning restrictive measures, under Article 29 of the Treaty on European Union³, it is strictly the prerogative of the Council of the EU, through its Member States, to take, with unanimity, decisions to adopt, renew or lift sanctions regimes. As a candidate country for EU accession, the EU will continue to call on Türkiye to comply with its international obligations, and with EU values.

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>.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=legissum:25_1.