

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003436/25
to the Commission
Loucas Fourlas (PPE)
(5 September 2025)**

Subject: Türkiye as a ‘peacemaker’ in Ukraine, while remaining an invader on European soil

Türkiye is attempting to present itself internationally as a mediator and peacemaker in crises such as the one in Ukraine. At the same time, it is illegally maintaining occupying troops on the territory of a Member State of the European Union — the Republic of Cyprus — in violation of international law. This dual stance creates a provocative paradox, which undermines the EU’s consistency on the international stage.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission’s position on the fact that a country with an aggressive stance towards a Member State is posing as a neutral mediator in other international crises?
2. Will the Commission consider adopting stricter measures against Türkiye until it complies with the UN resolutions on Cyprus?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(20 October 2025)**

Full respect of international law, including the United Nations (UN) Charter and the fundamental principles of respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states is at the core of EU’s approach. In their international relations, all states are obliged to refrain from the threat or use of force, to respect international humanitarian law and to resolve conflicts peacefully.

On Russia’s ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, the European Council has repeatedly reaffirmed its continued and unwavering support for Ukraine’s independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders.

The European Council has also expressed its support for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law, welcoming all efforts towards achieving such a peace ⁽¹⁾.

The European Council remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem, within the UN framework, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded and the *acquis* ⁽²⁾. The EU is ready to play an active role in supporting all stages of the UN-led process, with all appropriate means at its disposal.

It remains crucial that Türkiye commits and actively contributes to such a comprehensive settlement, including its external aspects, normalise its relations with the Republic of Cyprus and respect the sovereignty, and territorial integrity of all Member States.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/et2pfmcs/20250626-text-ukraine-en.pdf>.

⁽²⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/m5jlwe0p/euco-conclusions-20240417-18-en.pdf>.