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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission and the European External Action Service have repeatedly refuted actions and statements aimed at upgrading the international status of the so-called, internationally not recognised, ‘Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus’, which undermine efforts of the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG) to create an environment conducive to settlement talks. The EU recognises only the Republic of Cyprus as a subject of international law, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions. The EU expects the same from its partners, who need to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states within the framework of all international and regional fora, and to refrain from taking any steps that run contrary to this principle. This message has been clearly conveyed to the Azerbaijani authorities and the EU will continue to raise this aspect at all levels in its political dialogue with Azerbaijan.

The EU remains fully committed to ensuring that the above-mentioned UNSC resolutions and generally recognised principles and norms of international law, particularly with respect to the sovereignty, independence and integrity of states, are fully upheld.