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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission would like to refer to its position, as already detailed in the replies to written questions E-002402/2025¹ E-001687/2024² and E-2244/2017³. The Commission is aware of the quarrying activities in the Pentadaktylos mountains and continues to follow developments closely. It regularly engages with the Turkish Cypriot community to stress the importance of applying appropriate conservation measures and protect this environmentally sensitive area, as well as facilitating the alignment of legal frameworks with the EU environmental standards.

The allegations concerning non-compliance by individual quarrying operators cannot be confirmed or refuted by the Commission. The principles of good administration preclude the adoption of restrictive measures in the absence of substantiated evidence.

All goods traded across the Green Line must comply with the requirements of the EU acquis concerning their placement on the EU market⁴. Pursuant to Protocol 10 of the 2003 Act of Accession⁵, the EU acquis in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control is suspended.

The Commission will continue to support environmental protection and the preservation of Cyprus' sensitive natural areas. Moreover, it remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue to the benefit of all Cypriots.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002402-ASW_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001687-ASW_EN.html.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2017-002244-ASW_EN.html.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1481620173103&uri=CELEX:02004R0866-20150831>.

⁵ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/acc_2003/act_1/pro_10/sign/eng.