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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The European Commission follows closely the occurring media reports and statements referencing preparations for the submission to the Turkish parliament of draft legislation on maritime jurisdiction areas.

The content of this legislation has not been made officially public. The Commission does not comment on media reports.

The EU has repeatedly made clear that Türkiye is expected to make an unequivocal commitment to good neighbourly relations, international agreements and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

The EU remains committed to defending its interests and those of its Member States as well as to upholding regional stability. In this context, the EU attaches the greatest importance to safeguarding the sovereign rights of all Member States, in full respect of international law.

Abstaining from unilateral actions, which violate international law and the sovereign rights of Member States, is an essential requirement 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 Türkiye.