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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU is aware of the reports and remain in contact with its counterparts in the Republic of Cyprus.

The EU has a strategic interest in a stable and secure environment in the Eastern Mediterranean and in the development of a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with Türkiye. In this context, Türkiye is expected to respect international law, as well as the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all Member States. It is also of paramount importance that Türkiye commits to and actively contributes to a fair, comprehensive and viable settlement of the Cyprus issue, including its external aspects. These are key elements for upholding regional stability in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The EU and its Member States are of the firm view that United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process has to be inclusive, transparent and open to all parties to UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, in observance of their full rights. This includes that conditions must be met for all Parties to UNFCCC and to the Paris Agreement to participate in the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) and to be invited in any international meeting or event hosted or organised by Türkiye in its COP31 Presidency capacity. This also includes access to all relevant documentation and information, as is the case for all other UN Member States.

The EU has therefore made it clear to the incoming COP Turkish presidency, at all relevant levels, that the exclusion of a UN Member State from the preparation process of COP31 is not acceptable. The same message was conveyed to the UN Secretariat and the incoming Australian presidency of COP31 negotiations. The Commission will continue to strongly advocate for the full inclusiveness of the UNFCCC process.