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The EU remains committed to defending its interests and those of its Member States, as well as to upholding regional stability. The sovereignty and sovereign rights of all EU Member States must be respected. In this context, the EU has consistently underlined that Türkiye is expected to make an unequivocal commitment to good neighbourly relations, international agreements and the peaceful settlement of disputes, in accordance with international law and the UN Charter.

The EU continues to follow developments in the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean closely and will raise matters of concern with Türkiye through the appropriate channels. An unequivocal commitment to international law, including the Law of the Sea, international agreements and the UN Charter, remains essential, as does abstaining from unilateral actions which violate international law and the sovereign rights of Member States. These are essential requirements 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.

As stated in the joint press release¹ issued following the visit to Ankara on 30 June 2026, the EU and Türkiye acknowledged the strategic value of their relationship in promoting regional stability, security and economic resilience. They also reaffirmed the shared determination to take steps that would further enhance the cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship and agreed on the importance of regional stability and good neighbourly relations. At the same time, such engagement continues to be based on the relevant European Council conclusions, including the need for sustained de-escalation and a constructive approach by Türkiye.

¹ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-press-release-turkiyes-fm-hakan-fidan-hrvp-kaja-kallas-and-eu-commissioners-marta-kos-and-2026-06-30_en.