

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003199/26
to the Commission
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(4 August 2026)**

Subject: Putting fundamental rights into practice for all citizens in the European Union

Recently, there has been increased diplomatic momentum with regard to the Cyprus issue, with UN Secretary-General António Guterres visiting Cyprus with the aim of resuming negotiations, which have remained at a standstill since the breakdown of the Crans-Montana talks.

The European Union and the European *acquis* are founded on the principles of equality, non-discrimination and respect for human rights for all people, as enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. At the same time, the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof, provides for the promotion of ‘respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion’.

Could the Commission accept any form of racially based division of the island, in breach of the European *acquis* and the principles of the UN Charter?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
(14 October 2026)**

The EU remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem within the United Nations framework, on the basis of a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality.

Any settlement must be in accordance with the United Nations Charter and with all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded and the EU *acquis*.
