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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the matter raised by the Honourable Members of the European Parliament.

The United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) is the mandated authority in the buffer zone. On 13 April 2026, the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary General reiterated that unauthorised entry, presence or activity within the buffer zone constitutes a violation of UNFICYP's mandate and underlined that respect for UNFICYP's mandate is essential to maintaining stability in this sensitive area¹.

The EU has a strategic interest in a secure and stable environment in the Eastern Mediterranean and remains committed to defending its interests and those of its Member States as well as to upholding regional stability. A comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue would significantly contribute to sustainable stability and security in the region. In this context, the EU remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue, within the UN framework, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded and the *acquis*.

The EU stands collectively, firmly and unequivocally with all Member States in the face of any threat and remains committed to defending its interests and those of its Member States as well as to upholding regional stability.

Unequivocal commitment to international agreements and the UN Charter, as well as abstaining from unilateral actions which violate international law and the sovereign rights of Member States, remains essential to ensure the development of a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the EU and Türkiye.

¹ <https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/highlight/2026-04-13.html>.