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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has consistently underlined that the sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction of all Member States must be respected, in full respect of international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. In this context the EU has repeatedly called¹ on Türkiye to act with restraint, refrain from any unilateral action liable to increase tensions, and to commit itself unequivocally to good neighbourly relations, international agreements and the principle of peaceful settlement of disputes.

The European Council has repeatedly underlined that the EU has a strategic interest in developing a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the EU and Türkiye². Abstaining from unilateral actions that violate international law and the sovereign rights of Member States is essential in this respect.

The EU will continue to raise matters of concern in the appropriate political and diplomatic channels and to defend the interests of the EU and its Member States.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/statement-spokesperson-situation-eastern-mediterranean_en.

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/turkiye/>.