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Answer given by Vice-President Mogherini
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the matter raised by the Honourable Member. It is within the mandate of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) to contribute to maintenance and restoration of law and order and to maintain normal conditions in the buffer zone.

The EU has stated on various occasions – most recently during the 54th meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council on 15 March 2019 in Brussels, and in the Council Conclusions of 26 June 2018 subsequently endorsed by the European Council – that Turkey needs to commit itself unequivocally to good neighbourly relations, and has urged Turkey to avoid any kind of source of friction, threat or action directed against a Member State, which would damage good neighbourly relations and the peaceful settlement of disputes. This also includes the call to respect the sovereignty of all EU Member States and to fulfil its obligations under the Negotiating Framework, including the full implementation of the Additional Protocol to the Association Agreement to all EU Member States.