The EU does not comment on media speculation.

The EU remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem on the basis of a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with political equality, in accordance with the relevant United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolutions and in line with the EU acquis and the principles on which the EU is founded. The best way forward to resolve the Cyprus issue is through a resumption of formal negotiations on a comprehensive settlement. It is imperative for Turkey to contribute in concrete constructive terms and undertake responsible actions with a view to creating a conducive environment for negotiations. This position is clearly conveyed to Turkish interlocutors on every relevant occasion and at all levels.

The EU has strongly condemned Turkey’s unilateral steps as well as the announcements made in July 2021 by the Turkish President and the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community and has called for the immediate reversal of all steps taken on the further reopening of Varosha since October 2020.

The EU continues to be guided by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions with respect to Varosha, in particular Resolution 550 (1984) and Resolution 789 (1992), which consider attempts to settle any part of Varosha by people other than its inhabitants as inadmissible, and which call for the transfer of that area to the administration of the UN. No actions should be carried out in relation to Varosha that are not in accordance with these resolutions.

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