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Statement of the Republic of Cyprus in response to Turkey’s statement

As is very well known to everybody, the Republic of Cyprus is a UN member-state since 1960 and an EU Member-State since 2004, recognized by all international community.

We would like to refer Turkey to the UN Security Council Resolutions on Cyprus 541 and 550, where the Council condemned all illegal secessionist acts in northern Cyprus, while recognizing the Republic of Cyprus as the sole legal authority on the island, as well as the unanimously adopted UN General Assembly Resolution 3212, where all states are called to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus.

The above sets a clear response to Turkey’s allegations with regards to the Republic of Cyprus. We do not, however, intend to comment further as we do not wish UNIDO to become a platform for political disputes between its Member States and we regret that Turkey raises this issue in the context of UNIDO.