<u>Cyprus: Statement by the High</u> <u>Representative on the developments</u>



The EU is deeply concerned about today's announcements and developments related to Varosha.

These will cause greater tensions and may complicate efforts for the resumption of Cyprus settlement talks.

What is urgent now is to rebuild trust and not to create greater divisions. The EU will continue to support such efforts, as stressed by the Heads of State and Government in the European Council conclusions on 1-2 October.

The EU is in close contact with the United Nations and following closely the situation on the ground.

Full respect of relevant UN Security Council Resolutions remains essential.