

# Minister for Europe makes first official visit to Cyprus

Minister for Europe and Americas at the Foreign Office, Christopher Pincher, is in Cyprus today (Friday 4 October) to meet Cypriot leaders.

The Minister will meet President Nicos Anastasiades to discuss Brexit and will welcome the Cypriot Government's offer guaranteeing the rights of UK nationals living in Cyprus.

Minister Pincher will also meet Foreign Minister Nikos Christodoulides and Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci. The Minister will reiterate the UK Government's support for achieving a long lasting peace settlement between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

The Minister will visit British Sovereign Base Areas and meet with British military serving in Cyprus, including as peacekeepers with the UN Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

Minister for Europe Christopher Pincher said:

The United Kingdom has a unique and important relationship with Cyprus and we want that relationship to continue to grow, regardless of Brexit.

We welcome the announcement made by the Cypriot Government to protect the rights of UK nationals in Cyprus, as we have guaranteed the rights of Cypriot citizens in the United Kingdom.