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Delegations will find attached Council conclusions on Turkey's illegal drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean as adopted by the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 14 October 2019.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS on Turkey's Illegal Drilling Activities in the Eastern
Mediterranean

In light of Turkey's continued illegal drilling activities in the eastern Mediterranean, the Council reaffirms its full solidarity with Cyprus, regarding the respect of its sovereignty and sovereign rights in accordance with international law. It recalls its conclusions of 15 July 2019 in all its parts, and notably that delimitation of exclusive economic zones and continental shelf should be addressed through dialogue and negotiation in good faith, in full respect of international law and in accordance with the principle of good neighbourly relations.

The Council, based on preparatory work already undertaken, agrees that a framework regime of restrictive measures targeting natural and legal persons responsible for or involved in the illegal drilling activity of hydrocarbons in the Eastern Mediterranean is put in place, and invites the High Representative and the Commission to swiftly present proposals to this effect.
