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Update and slight correction on Cyprus, the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Rosemary di Carlo, began her visit to Cyprus today (15.3.2023), and not yesterday (14.3.2023) , as I mentioned in yesterday's (14.3.2023) noon briefing.

She notably met Greek Cypriot leader Nikos Christodoulides and Turkish Cypriot leader Ersin Tatar. During those detailed discussions she reiterated the UN's continued commitment to peace on the island.

Ms. Di Carlo is continuing her visit with meetings with civil society, including women and youth groups.

Question (Anadolu): Thank you, Steph. The USG DiCarlo, is she going to have any other trips to maybe Turkey, Greece or London - the guarantor countries - after she completes her visit in Cyprus?

Spokesperson: At this point, what I know is that this... The only travel I'm aware of is to Cyprus and back. If there's anything else, I will share it with you.

Question (Al Jazeera): Following up on things that you've said. First, USG DiCarlo gone to Cyprus, is there a particular window of opportunity, are things looking more hopeful with the diplomacy?

Spokesperson: There is new leadership on the Greek Cypriot side. So, this was an opportune moment to go.