

CNA: UNFICYP marks 60 difficult years in the service of peace in Cyprus and challenges remain.

I would like to ask you if you are optimistic on Cyprus issue? Because it is really concerning that Ms Holguin, Secretary-General's personal envoy is going to meet the leaders both sides out of Cyprus and finally her trip in Cyprus was cancelled.

Lacroix: Well, let me just say that. What is important is that these discussions are ongoing and Ms. Holguin will meet with the leaders of the two sides. I think that the modality probably is important that the fact that these discussions are ongoing, so we continue to be supportive certainly of the efforts because UNFICYP of course works closely and the mandates are different. We are very much sort of dealing ultimately with the same issue and we definitely hope that these talks will lead to progress in a political dialogue. We are aware of the challenges but we remain confident and optimistic.