

CNA: UN Secretary-General's special Representative for Cyprus Mr. Colin Steward and Head of UNFICYP is expected to brief within the next few days amid the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy ongoing efforts to find common ground between the two sides.

So, I would like to ask you your opinion on this effort on the Cyprus issue.

Amb. of the Russian Federation: The Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General, former Colombian Foreign Minister Ms. Holguín, was travelling to the island, she was talking to the parties, only to find that the parties are very far apart from the compromised solution that maybe found. That is unfortunate but that last already certain time we had an opportunity in 2017 in Crans Montana as you know, which was unfortunately lost and since then there was no visible, tangible progress on the Cyprus negotiations. Moreover, we see the toughening of positions of certain plans.

Now there is the question of extending the mandate of Holguín, but that's completely within the prerogative of the Secretary-General because she is his personal envoy not the envoy of the security council not the SRSG. Let's see. In fact, it's for him to make the decision.

On Colin Stewart's regular briefing by the UNFICYP that he has on the development on the ground, on the issues that they are facing, I don't expect anything extraordinary from this briefing.