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## FRANCE'S EU MINISTER URGES SOUTH CYPRUS TO STOP LINKING BELARUS SANCTIONS TO ACTION ON TURKEY

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In POLITICO interview, Clément Beaune says it would help to show Nicosia that France and I hope the whole EU is with you.

France's Europe minister called on Cyprus(\*) to stop blocking EU sanctions against Belarus by linking them to restrictive measures against Turkey, stressing that the EU must "go fast" in sanctioning the regime of Alexander Lukashenko.

The EU's inability to adopt sanctions against Belarusian officials has become a headache for the bloc, and failure to reach agreement at a meeting on Monday triggered a strong warning from the EU's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, that the credibility of the bloc was "at stake."

**(\*) AVİM uses "Cyprus" as a geographic name. AVİM considers the expression "Republic of Cyprus" to mean the Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus.**

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