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Minister of Foreign Affairs Ioannis Kasoulides will be departing tomorrow for an official visit to Madrid, and on Tuesday he will be travelling to Lisbon.

Issues on the agenda of the Minister's meetings in Madrid and Lisbon include bilateral relations, the Cyprus problem, recent developments in the Middle East and Southeastern Mediterranean, with particular emphasis on the situation in Egypt and Syria, and other European and regional issues of common interest.

In Madrid, Kasoulides will meet with his Spanish counterpart José Manuel García Margallo, and Deputy Minister of European Affairs Íñigo Méndez de Vigo.

He will also speak at a public lecture organised by Real Instituto Elcano think tank. His speech will focus on Cyprus and the developments in Eastern Mediterranean.

On Tuesday, the Minister will travel to Lisbon, where he will meet with his Portuguese counterpart Rui Machete, and will be received by Deputy Prime Minister Paulo Portas.

The Minister will return to Cyprus on September 19.