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President of the European Council

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President of the European Parliament



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### **Urgent Appeal : Turkish Parliament’s draft legislation formalizing the “Blue Homeland” Doctrine – Direct Threat to Greece and Cyprus**

Dear Madam President von der Leyen,  
Dear President Costa,  
Dear Madam President Metsola,

I am writing to draw your urgent attention to recent reports indicating that the Turkish Grand National Assembly is advancing draft legislation aimed at formalising the so-called “Blue Homeland” doctrine.

This strategic framework includes unilateral maritime claims against the EU Member States of Greece and Cyprus, explicit references to “grey zones”, as well as the broader revisionist agenda already expressed through the 2019 Turkish-Libyan Memorandum of Understanding.

If adopted, this legislation would codify expansionist claims into Turkish national law, in direct contradiction of international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the fundamental principles of customary international law.

This development cannot be treated merely as a bilateral issue between Greece and Turkey.

Turkey, even despite being EU candidate country, continues to:

- occupy European territory of the Republic of Cyprus, an EU Member State;
- maintain the 1995 casus belli against Greece, an EU Member State, in open violation of the EU acquis and the United Nations Charter;
- violate Greek airspace and Greek territorial waters, while systematic illegal fishing activities are being conducted by Turkish vessels within the Greek territorial waters are also on the rise;
- raise disputes over search and rescue operations;
- thus, systematically violate the sovereignty and sovereign rights of two EU Member States in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean; and
- pursue a revisionist agenda that challenges the territorial integrity, maritime borders, and stability of the Eastern Mediterranean.

If confirmed, the formal parliamentary endorsement of such claims would constitute a direct political and legal challenge not only to Greece and Cyprus, but also to the credibility and security of the European Union itself.

In this context, I call upon the European Parliament and the European Union to express full and unequivocal support for the sovereign rights of Greece and Cyprus.

The European Commission and the High Representative should consider taking the following actions:

- issue a strong public condemnation of the proposed Turkish legislation and explicitly reject all unilateral maritime claims contained in the “Blue Homeland” doctrine;
- reaffirm the EU’s position that all maritime delimitations in the Mediterranean must be based on international law, particularly UNCLOS;
- review and reassess Turkey’s EU candidate status and the overall accession process in light of this escalation; the fact that Turkey continues to retain the threat of a casus belli against Greece and the illegal occupation of part of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkish military forces should be condemned; moreover, Turkey has failed to implement the obligations assumed towards the EU as per the Negotiating Framework of October 2005; it should be recalled that full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria and normalization of relations with all EU Member States, including the Republic of Cyprus, is a necessary component of the accession process; as such, Turkey’s EU accession process cannot be resumed under current circumstances;
- suspend or condition any further deepening of EU-Turkey cooperation mechanisms, including customs union modernization and financial assistance, until Turkey withdraws these revisionist claims;
- provide concrete diplomatic and political support to Greece and Cyprus in all relevant international fora; and
- explore the possibility of targeted restrictive measures should Turkey proceed with the formal adoption of this doctrine.

I urge you to examine this matter with the utmost seriousness and to take all appropriate actions within your capacity, so that the European Parliament may respond in a timely and decisive manner to this unacceptable development.

A European Union that defends sovereignty, the inviolability of borders, and international law cannot remain inactive when two of its Member States are openly threatened by an EU candidate country.

I would be most grateful for your intervention.

Yours sincerely,

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