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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Türkiye's illegal and unacceptable announcement of two marine parks

Türkiye has announced two marine parks, one in the northern Aegean and one off the island of Kastellorizo.

In line with Türkiye's long-standing revisionist position, the map disputes the influence of Kastellorizo in the delineation of maritime zones, in an attempt to close off the island within territorial limits of 6 nautical miles.

The parks' boundaries extend beyond the 25th meridian. It should be noted that, based on Ankara's long-standing position that the limit of Turkish jurisdiction in the Aegean Sea lies along the 25th meridian, Turkish diplomacy considers that it retains various jurisdictions east of this limit.

What is more, the Tenedos marine park appears to extend to the marine areas between Samothrace and Lemnos, in theory cutting the islands off from each other, reflecting the long-standing Turkish rhetoric that cuts the Aegean down the middle and challenges the sovereign rights of Greek islands in the Aegean.

The announcement of marine parks in undelimited areas outside Turkish territorial waters is an unacceptable, unilateral and illegal act that produces no legal effect against Greek sovereign rights and shows a complete lack of respect for the international law of the sea.

In view of the above, will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say:

1. Is she aware of this latest unacceptable action by Türkiye?
2. What measures will she take in response to Türkiye's unacceptable action, which directly challenges Greek sovereign rights?

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