

**Question for written answer E-003200/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Türkiye's declaration of marine parks which violate Greece's sovereign rights in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean

On Saturday 2 August, Türkiye published a map of two so-called 'marine parks' which extend beyond Turkish territorial waters, west of Imbros and Tenedos between the Greek islands of Samothrace and Lemnos, and north east of Rhodes, surrounding Kastellorizo, in violation of the international law of the sea (UNCLOS), which recognises full rights for island territories irrespective of size or proximity to other mainland coasts. The areas in which Türkiye is attempting to impose marine parks in violation of international law include areas of potential Greek continental shelf and EEZ and territorial waters, which, on the basis of UNCLOS, are the rights of the Greek islands of the Aegean.

The map was submitted to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO without prior consultation, with the obvious aim of attempting to create a fait accompli and continue the provocations against Greece.

Such unilateral and legally unfounded practices affect the sovereign rights of a Member State and undermine stability in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean.

In view of this:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to provide practical support to Greece against Türkiye's unilateral actions?
2. As the MSPglobal initiative on maritime spatial planning, which operates within the framework of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, is co-financed by DG MARE, what will the Commission do to prevent the publication of a map that blatantly violates the sovereign rights of a Member State?

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