

**Question for written answer E-003290/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Türkiye's illegal announcement concerning the establishment of 'marine parks', in violation of Greek and European sovereign rights

Yet another illegal action by Türkiye has seen the publication of the Presidential Decrees of 15 August establishing two marine parks in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean. These parks encroach on areas of Greek sovereign rights and Greece's continental shelf.

The Presidential Decrees establish two marine parks: One stretching between Limnos and Samothrace and another in the Eastern Mediterranean, which cuts Kastellorizo off from Rhodes completely. With this move, Türkiye continues to assert the illegal position that the islands have no rights beyond a six nautical mile limit and insists on drawing a median line between the mainland coasts of the two countries.

By establishing these marine parks, supposedly to protect the marine environment, Türkiye is seeking to enforce its claims against Greece and to enshrine in law the so-called 'Blue Homeland' doctrine, a doctrine that has been condemned by the European Parliament.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

What action will it take against Türkiye in response to the illegal act of declaring 'Turkish marine parks' in areas extending beyond Türkiye's territorial waters, with these parks violating Greek and European sovereign rights since they include areas of the Greek continental shelf and EEZ, and even territorial waters over which the Greek islands have jurisdiction under UNCLOS?

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