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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: Turkish ‘marine parks’ violate every tenet of international law

On 16 August the disgraceful Turkish regime announced the designation of two ‘marine parks’ in the marine area between Makri (‘Fethiye’) and Antiphellos (‘Kaş’), surrounding the Kastellorizo archipelago, and between Samothrace and Limnos.

These actions are part of plans to deliver the Turkish regime’s expansionist ‘Blue Homeland’ strategy on the ground. The relevant Turkish maps clearly ignore the rights of the Greek islands under the International Law of the Sea and present Türkiye as having jurisdiction beyond Turkish territorial waters.

It should be noted that the University of Seville has illustrated the legal status of the area in a map of European maritime zones based on the UNCLOS.

Türkiye’s move comes after the country submitted the relevant maps to UNESCO and is part of a bold policy of calling into question Greek sovereignty and sovereign rights in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean, in the absence of any meaningful response (i.e. sanctions).

The EU simply cannot separate Euro-Turkish relations from Türkiye’s unilateral actions against a Member State, especially while it is considering deepening cooperation between the EU and Türkiye.

In view of the above, can the High Representative / Vice-President answer the following:

1. Assuming she condemns Türkiye’s use of environmental ‘marine parks’ to make unilateral maritime claims against Greece, what policies will she adopt, beyond simply issuing statements, to deter Türkiye from persisting with its illegal actions?
2. What trade sanctions can she apply right away against the terrorist state?
3. What clear steps should Greece take for sanctions to be implemented against Türkiye?

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