

**Priority question for written answer P-003306/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Publication of Turkish marine park decrees challenging Greek sovereign rights marks a dangerous development

The Turkish Government had issued two decrees designating an area in the North Aegean between Limnos and Samothrace and another in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Kastellorizo area as ‘national marine parks’. These areas stretch beyond Türkiye’s territorial waters and overlap with areas where Greece has sovereign rights.

This move by Türkiye, a NATO member state, was announced last year when the Greek Government demarcated the boundaries of two marine parks in the Aegean and Ionian Seas. Meanwhile, Türkiye is preparing a draft law on the ‘Blue Homeland’ and is constantly challenging and violating Greek airspace and the Athens FIR.

The moves of the Turkish bourgeoisie are an attempt to create faits accomplis, ‘compromises’ and settlements, including arrangements for a two-state ‘solution’ – that would be painful for Cyprus and neighbouring countries – through the island’s accession to NATO and EU mediation.

In view of the above:

1. Where does the Commission stand on the publication of presidential decrees by the Turkish State, establishing two marine parks in the North Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean and directly challenging the Greek island of Kastellorizo and the sovereign rights of Greece?
2. Where does the Commission stand on the fact that the Turkish Government is challenging the sovereignty and sovereign rights of Greece in a way that is unacceptable despite being a ‘strategic partner’ of the EU, whose Member States have strong economic and military ties with Türkiye, thus encouraging its aggression in practice?

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