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The European Commission has highlighted, including in the 2025 enlargement report¹, the persistent challenges facing the Greek minority in Türkiye. The Commission recalls that the recommendations set out in Resolution 1625 (2008) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe² on the bicultural character of the islands of Gökçeada (Imbros) and Bozcaada (Tenedos) remain valid and unaddressed. The resolution calls for urgent action to restore minority schools, return expropriated properties and improve infrastructure, while safeguarding the rights of the Greek minority. The Commission also recalls that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe urged the Turkish authorities to implement the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the minority and property rights of the Greek minority on these two islands.

The Commission supports these objectives and will continue to urge Türkiye to fulfil its obligations. It will also continue to encourage constructive dialogue with Greece and to promote reconciliation, restitution and respect for minority rights.

The Commission will continue to monitor the situation and address these concerns in its bilateral contacts with the Turkish authorities.

¹ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/turkiye-report-2025_en.

² <https://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=17668&lang=en>.