



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



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**H.E. Mr. Lauri Hussar,
President,
Riigikogu (Estonian Parliament),
Tallinn.**

Excellency,

I communicate with you to express my deep concern regarding the decision of the House of Representatives of Libya under its new President, Mr. Al-Salheen Abdulnabi, to approve the so-called Türkiye-Libya Memorandum of Understanding on delimitation of the maritime jurisdiction areas in the Mediterranean of 2019, which disrupts balances and further destabilises the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean region.

The said decision does not legitimise an unfounded and illegal agreement, which lacks a legal basis for the delimitation of maritime zones between two countries, Türkiye and Libya in this case, that do not have opposite or adjacent coasts, while it disregards the rights of the Greek islands to maritime zones, including the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf, under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and customary international law. All the more so, that any extension of Libya's maritime zone is based on claims that usurp Greek sovereign rights.

In light of the increasing tension and tectonic changes taking place in the wider Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean region, this is an extremely worrisome development that reflects Ankara's broad influence in Libya at the political, military and investment levels, while given the transitional situation in Libya, questions are raised about the legitimacy of political and institutional bodies to proceed with agreements that bind Libya in the long term.

Cyprus, as an island state and the closest member of the European Union to the region, which has been suffering for fifty-two years now the dire consequences of the Turkish invasion and continuing occupation of more than one-third of its territory and Turkey's escalating provocations on the ground and its Exclusive Economic Zone, is particularly concerned by this development for all the above reasons.

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Dear Colleague,

This act is yet another challenge to the rules-based international order, which pertains to the violations of the sovereign rights of third states and undermines security, weakens respect for international law, including the UNCLOS, and sets a dangerous precedent that threatens stability and cooperation at sea.

I would therefore call upon you to condemn the aproval by the Parliament of Libya, as not producing legal international results and as not legitimising the illegal Türkiye-Libya Memorandum and to exert your influence within the framework of parliamentary diplomacy so that Turkey desists from its expansionist claims and complies with its international obligations.

I would also kindly ask you to consider my proposal for this matter to be raised as urgent in the European Parliament and other international parliamentary organisations, namely the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke and a small loop at the end.

***Annita Demetriou,
President of the House of Representatives
of the Republic of Cyprus.***