

Statement on current issues

Communication channels between Greece and Turkey should be freed from materials that have rendered understanding difficult and cacophonous. Situation is critical. Talking to each other should be resumed. No illusions though are to be made. Turkey has built and expanded an array of largely illegal claims and demands, to a considerable part affecting vital interests of Greece. A sensible dialogue among the parties cannot be opened without a previous cool off period.

Turkey for the moment is pursuing a policy of compelling Greece to the table by massive demonstration of superior military might on every front. To no avail. Greece will not back down. The Hellenic Armed Forces are ready to face a war provoked by Turkey. Yet, Athens is not averse to the idea of giving peace one more chance. There might still exist room for a modus vivendi between them, not detrimental to sovereignty, the sovereign rights and the prestige of either of the parties in the Aegean and beyond.

Greece keeps a close eye to Turkey's stretched overseas involvement and aerial naval projection of power in eastern and central Mediterranean, which assume destabilizing features. Yet, any, even slight possibilities for rationalizing of parties positions should be explored without unnecessary delay.

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