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The Honourable Kyriakos Mitsotakis
Prime Minister of Greece

Dear Prime Minister,

As Canadians of Hellenic descent, we have been following the military violations of Hellenic sovereignty and war threats by neighboring Turkey. Turkey has reached a level of absurdity with its rhetoric and threats, yet it gives the impression that Greece is the adversary.

Greece needs to take immediate action to protect its territory from illegal incursions and immediately extend the 12-nautical-mile zone, which is a right of any sovereign state according to the International Law of the Sea. Some 150 countries have done so, yet Greece is dithering and allows Turkey to regularly increase its threats and violate Greek territory.

Prime Minister and President, it is time to act and stop bending over backwards to appease and accommodate Turkey's irrational and insane doctrine of the "Blue Homeland". You need to take the bull by the horns and move forward; do not wait for Europe's or the USA's blessing. Both have entrenched economic and geopolitical interests that undermine Greece's territorial integrity.

Greece must stand up for itself and stop being the "nice" fellow to a NATO "ally", who is often only an "ally on paper" and, in the meantime, carries nefarious and expansionist plans against its neighbours.

In view of the vehement rhetoric, lies, threats and illegal violations, it is now time to act and extend the 12-nautical-mile zone.

Yours truly,

George Manios
President
Canadian Hellenic Congress

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