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CANADIAN HELLENIC CONGRESS CALLS FOR GREECE TO EXTEND THE 12-NAUTICAL-MILES ZONE; DO NOT WAIT FOR ANOTHER DAY!

Toronto, November 3, 2026 – On September 16, 2026, the Canadian Hellenic Congress (CHC) wrote to Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis about the Turkish military violations of Hellenic sovereignty and war threats against Greece. A few days ago, Turkey and eastern Libya's House of Representatives ratified the 2019 Turkey-Libya Maritime-Delimitation Memorandum. The EU, the US, the UN Secretary General, Greece, Cyprus, Egypt and Israel had qualified the initial Memorandum as illegal, null, and void under international law, and the recent ratification has reignited regional and international condemnation.

Greece needs to take immediate action to protect its territory from illegal incursions, by extending the 12-nautical-miles zone, as well as, its economic zone – which is a right of any sovereign state. Otherwise, if the current situation prevails and the Greek foreign-policy establishment's state of mind does not change, Greece will become a vassal state of Turkey.

Turkey is neither an ally, nor a good neighbour. It is a rogue state that acts on the behest of the US. It is time to act and stop bending over backwards to appease and accommodate Turkey's irrational and insane doctrine of the "Blue Homeland".

The Government and Parliament of Greece must take the bull by the horns and move forward. They should not wait for Europe's or the USA's blessing, as both have entrenched economic and geopolitical interests that undermine Greece's territorial integrity.

"*Greece must stand up for itself and stop being the 'nice guy' to a NATO 'ally' who is often an 'ally on paper' but carries nefarious and expansionist plans against its neighbours*", stated George Manios, CHC President, in his letter to Prime Minister Mitsotakis.

By extending the 12-nautical-miles and economic zones, Greece protects its sovereign territory and integrity. The time to act is now! "*Don't leave this for another day. Strike while the iron is hot, otherwise Greece, as we know it today, may no longer be independent and the blood of our forefathers would have been shed in vain during our liberation struggles,*" said George Manios.

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