

Statement by the representative of Greece

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Madam Facilitator,

I would like to state that it is regrettable that the work of a technical Group of Experts such as our own is being politicized by certain statements which have no relation to our agenda.

Furthermore, the distinguished delegate of Türkiye made reference to the Presidential Decree 6188 of 7 October 2022, in which certain undersea features were named in a number of maritime areas, including the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean.

In this respect, Greece underscores that it opposed to such naming and protested bilaterally to the Republic of Türkiye to the extent that the above Decree concerns undersea features that lie within Greek territorial sea and Greek continental shelf.

Thank you