



EMERGENCY MOTION

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"Condemning Turkey's provocations in the Republic of Cyprus EEZ"

We the European Democrat Students, are tracking the interference of Turkish military vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Cyprus. Such coercive means are a definite and flagrant violation of the international law and of the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as of the EU itself as these incidents are happening in the EU territory.

We, European Democrat Student (EDS), the official student organisation of Europeans People's Party (EPP) recognise that:

The Republic of Cyprus has the sovereign rights to research and exploit its natural resources, in line with the EU acquis and international law, including UNCLOS.

Turkey's aggressive rhetoric and offensive acts further complicate the efforts to find a permanent solution to the Cyprus problem.

The exploitation of Cyprus hydrocarbons will benefit all the people of Cyprus and Europe.

Call on the European Commission and the Member States to appeal for the respect of international law and ask Turkey:

Terminate the violation of the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus to research and explore its natural resources within its EEZ.

Respect the international law and refrain from any kind of aggressive actions within the area.

To return in the negotiating table for a peaceful and comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Normalise the relations within the broader neighbourhood which is for the interest of the whole region, including Turkey.