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Madam Chancellor, Angela Merkel

Dear President of the EU Commission von der Leyen,

Dear Foreign Minister Maas,

We, the citizens of Greek origin in Europe, Canada, the USA, Oceania and Africa who coexist harmoniously with other peoples, are committed to democracy, support the Western code of values and believe in the European acquis, are asking you to take a stance and please act on framework of the European Union so that sanctions may be imposed on Turkey.

You are well aware that lately Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is becoming more and more provocative, violating international law, degrading the secular character of Turkey by wishing to make it a theocratic country, unworthy of international institutions, trying to impose his agenda on his own terms, but mainly he proceeds with dangerous offensive acts against Greece.

We note with disappointment that every time Erdoğan violates the current international treaties against Greece, he only receives advice from the EU and not sanctions that encourages him even more.

Madam Chancellor,

Dear President of the EU Commission,

Dear Foreign Minister,

In all the previous years, Turkey has been boldly instrumentalizing the refugee / immigrant situation, blackmailing Europe and acting against Greece. Less than six months have passed since he created artificial episodes in Evros, and just a few days ago Turkey violated Greek territorial waters in Kastelorizo, giving the US State Department the opportunity to refer to it as "disputed" waters.

These "disputed waters" are not only Greek but also European waters, and that is why the European Union and its Member States must protect them.

Turkey is solely responsible for all this unrest in Greece and in the Eastern Mediterranean, so we call on Germany and the European Union to show determination.

It is necessary with immediate and coordinated actions to put an end to Turkey's aggression, to avoid a possible conflict between Greece and Turkey and to keep Europe a zone of peace and prosperity.

We, the Greeks of Germany, united and faithful to the European acquis, ask you to mark the German Presidency of the European Union with courageous measures and sanctions against Turkey, which in attacking Greece is actually attacking Europe. Furthermore, turning a monument of the world heritage - such as the Hagia Sophia - in a mosque, cancels a global symbol of coexistence of cultures and religions and in reality, is indifferent to world institutions.

We look forward to your response and immediate action.

Sincerely,

WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETA ABROAD
WORLD COUNCIL OF EPIRUS ABROAD
WORLD CONFEDERATION OF THESSALIAN ASSOCIATIONS
WORLD PAN-MACEDONIAN ASSOCIATIONS
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PONTIAN HELLENES
WORLD VLACH AMPHICTIONY
FEDERATION OF THRACIAN ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE