



MAP 9-2019: Announcement to the UN of the claimed Turkish continental shelf as far as the 28th parallel- Signing of the Turkish-Libyan Memorandum

One year later, in November 2019, Turkey submits to the UN a formal letter (A/74/550/15.11. 2019) declaring the limits of the continental shelf claimed by Turkey up to the 28th Meridian (intersecting Rhodes in the middle), noting that the limits of the Turkish continental shelf further west of this Meridian will be determined among relevant states ("in accordance with the outcome of future delimitation agreements in the Aegean, as well as in the Mediterranean among all relevant States").

Turkey had stated that the limits of the Turkish continental shelf west of the 28th Meridian would be determined by agreements between the relevant States. Apparently, it considered that Greece is not included in them, as twelve (12) days later, on 27.11.2019, the illegal Turkish-Libyan Memorandum was signed, which goes beyond any legal correctness and geographical reality since it ignores the existence of the Greek islands of the Dodecanese, such as Rhodes, Karpathos and Kassos, as well as of the island of Crete. The signing of this illegal Memorandum is further proof of the gradual implementation of the "Mavi Vatan" (Blue Homeland) doctrine.