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Safeguarding peace and stability in the East Mediterranean Sea

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Ms Theodora BAKOYANNIS and other members of the Assembly

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

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In the past year, tensions in the East Mediterranean Sea have been rising fast. This follows an overall destabilisation of the area, from the migration crisis to the civil war in Syria, Iraq, and Libya, endangering the balances in the Mediterranean region.

The current escalations of rhetoric and actions in the East Mediterranean Sea have created a worrisome and dangerous situation. Turkey is threatening Greece and Cyprus with war on a daily basis, violating fundamental rules of international law. Tensions between member States of the Council of Europe are mounting rapidly.

The Council of Europe stands for and is mandated to preserve stability, democracy, freedom and above all the rule of law. It is unthinkable for the Council to remain idle when such an aggravating situation is unfolding in its bay, amongst its member States. This is not about a spat between two or three countries. It's about peace; it's about respecting the rule of law.

The Parliamentary Assembly, as an objective observer, should closely monitor and evaluate the situation and act by providing a safe space for peace and diplomacy to prevail. Safeguarding peace and stability must remain the priority of all member States of the Council of Europe.

Signed (see overleaf)

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