



GREEK TURKISH FORUM (GTF) STATEMENT

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The Greek Turkish Forum (GTF), met in Athens on 31 October and 1 November 2022 and discussed the latest developments in Greek-Turkish relations, the Cyprus Problem and the Eastern Mediterranean since its last meeting in April 2022.

The GTF members note with concern the rising tension in bilateral relations between Greece and Turkey and the proliferation of inflammatory rhetoric ahead of the upcoming elections in Cyprus, Greece and Turkey.

The GTF members recommend all parties to exercise restraint and avoid such language or provocative acts that could increase the probability of an unwanted accident.

The GTF members stress the prominence of maintaining channels of communication and dialogue between all sides and of observing the existing Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) to reduce tension and seek solutions that advance regional understanding and stability.

In this context, the GTF members note that the recent agreement between Israel and Lebanon on the delimitation of their respective Exclusive Economic Zones and the joint exploitation of energy resources could serve as a source of inspiration.

Finally, the GTF members fondly remember and take courage from the work and dedication of their colleagues, Costa Carras, Ilter Türkmen, and Theodore Couloumbis, who have recently passed away.

The GTF Members