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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Subject: Support our ally Greece to defend itself against Turkish Aggression.

Dear Mr. President:

We learned from news reports about Turkish Member of Parliament Tanju Ozcan's announcement **"I will go to 18 Greek islands and raise the Turkish flag. Then I will fold the Greek flag and send it to the Greek government via courier service"**.

A few days earlier the Turkish government via military NOTAM and NAVTEX communiques announced that it forbids Greece from sending military personnel to the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea, and any ship or aircraft in the area must first submit travel plans to Turkey for approval as Turkey considers the Greek islands Turkish territory.

A few weeks ago Turkish president Erdogan went on a tirade against Iraqi Prime Minister Abadi telling him to know his place and Turkey will do what it wants in Iraq. This came after Iraq demanded the withdrawal of the Turkish troops which entered Iraq illegally and which have been accused of arming and supporting ISIL.

At the same time, Turkish Prime Minister Yildirim warned then, American presidential candidate, former Secretary of State Clinton, that Turkey does not approve of her statements that if elected she would help the Kurds on their fight against ISIS. Furthermore Mr. Yildirim stated that Turkey will attack the Kurds in Syria and Iraq as it pleases. It is well known of course that since Turkey got the green light to enter Syria its goal has been to drive out Syrian Kurds from northern Syria.

Moreover, Mr. Erdogan stated that he does not consider the borders with Greece, set by the Treaty of Lausanne, to be valid.

Some Turkish opposition party leaders rebuked Erdogan for going against Turkey's founder Kemal Ataturk who signed the treaty nearly 100 years ago, yet **not a single western nation nor NATO rebuked the outrageous Turkish threats against our NATO ally Greece and our allies the Kurds and the Iraqi's who are fighting the ISIL terrorists.**

It wasn't that long ago that NATO was in an uproar about a Russian jet that violated Turkish airspace on the Syrian border for 17 seconds while bombing ISIL terrorists, and the Europeans imposed an embargo on Russia for annexing Crimea Yet, no western nation stands by our ally and NATO member Greece.

In the past few years alone, Turkey **1)** has violated Greek sovereign territory thousands of times, **2)** it has threatened the lives of Americans fighting ISIL in Syria and Iraq, **3)** it has created the refugee crisis in Syria and has been profiteering to the tune of billions with the smuggling of "refugees" to Europe, **4)** it has been blackmailing Europe for billions of dollars, **5)** It has been shown without doubt that it has been collaborating with ISIL, **6)** it has been supporting muslim extremists in Egypt to the point that Egypt ordered Turkey to remove its ambassador and staff from Cairo, **7)** it has been accused of supporting antigovernment terrorists by the Libyan and Tunisian governments, **8)** it has been instigating tensions and military conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia **9)** it has ethnically cleansed, colonized and continues to occupy 37% of the Republic of Cyprus **10)** it has been instigating Albania to oppress the Greek minority and claim part of northern Greece.

By not standing by Greece, Iraq, the Kurds, and others threatened by Turkey, to strongly condemn the Turkish violations of International Law and sovereignty of neighbors, NATO and the western nations embolden Turkish aggression which we have seen against Syria, Iraq, Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Libya, and Armenia. Erdogan is bent on reviving the dark ages of the Ottoman Empire. It is not just the small nations of the region that will suffer but all of Europe, the Middle East, and the United States.

We urge the United States to strongly condemn the Turkish actions, and more importantly to help Greece revive its economy, and help it to modernize its air force with F-35s and upgrade its current aircraft and air defense, navy, and ground forces to deter further aggression by Turkey, as this is the only way to prevent Turkey from extending its Ottoman empire ambitions into the heart of Europe, all of the Middle East and North Africa.

Sincerely,

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