PARIS AGREEMENT
PARIS, 12 DECEMBER 2015

Greece: Objection to the declaration made by Türkiye upon ratification

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 13 October 2022.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the Hellenic Republic has examined the declaration made by the Republic of Türkiye upon ratification, on 11 October 2021, of the Paris Agreement of 12 December 2015.

The Republic of Türkiye thereby declares that she ‘will implement the Paris Agreement as a developing country and in the scope of her nationally determined contribution statements, provided that the Agreement and its mechanisms do not prejudice her right to economic and social development’.

In the view of the Government of the Hellenic Republic, this declaration in fact amounts to a reservation, as it purports to unilaterally modify the legal status of the Republic of Türkiye within the legal framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 9 May 1992 (hereinafter ‘the Convention’) and the Paris Agreement, by seeking to arbitrarily remove Türkiye from the list of Annex I Parties to the Convention and qualify her as a developing country, in the absence of a relevant decision of the Conference of the Parties, which is under the Convention responsible for the adoption of annexes and amendments thereto.

The Government of the Hellenic Republic would like to recall that, according to article 27 of the Paris Agreement, no reservations may be made to this Agreement.

In light of the above, the Government of the Hellenic Republic considers that the aforementioned reservation of the Republic of Türkiye is impermissible as prohibited by article 27 of the Agreement.

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For the above reasons, the Government of the Hellenic Republic objects to the declaration made by the Republic of Türkiye upon ratification of the Paris Agreement. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Agreement between the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Türkiye without the latter benefiting the reservation.”

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20 October 2022