

STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Cyprus would like to comment on Türkiye's report uploaded on IHO website under item 6.2.2.

Cyprus wishes to clarify, first of all, that she believes that this meeting is not the appropriate forum to discuss issues of political nature and does not want to engage in exchanging written statements with Türkiye within this forum. Nevertheless, since Türkiye has chosen to politicize this meeting by presenting a working document which questions the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, Cyprus is obliged to respond to Türkiye's provocative document and to state the following:

Türkiye's actions constitute yet another effort to legalize the results of the Turkish invasion against Cyprus in 1974, which has been condemned by numerous United Nations Security Council Resolutions. Any actions by Türkiye aiming to promote the illegal secessionist entity in the occupied by Türkiye part of Cyprus is contrary to international law and the instruments establishing the Republic of Cyprus signed also by Türkiye, and run contrary to the United Nations Security Council Resolutions - 541 (1983) and 550 (1984) declaring the secessionist entity as «legally invalid». It should also be noted that the illegal entity is not recognized by any international organization or country, with the sole exception of the occupying power, Türkiye.