

Türkiye – explanation of position – closing of UNEA-6

“As we have adopted, all together, the Resolution titled “Strengthening ocean efforts to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution”, and we shall work, all together, to implement it, we still would like to explain our position on a matter of importance.

Underlining that being a party or a non-party to United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is not an indicator in the context of states’ efforts or actions to protect the oceans and its ecosystems, Türkiye disassociates herself from the references made to UNCLOS in this Resolution, in particular in the relevant preambular paragraph, in the sense that neither her participation in the activities of the UNEA nor the approval of the outcome document can be construed as a change in the legal position of Türkiye with regard to UNCLOS.”