

The Joint Statement
(Outline)

1. **Introduction**

The two leaders:

- Stressed their unwavering commitment to the rule of law and the fundamental principles enshrined in the UN Charter that constitute the foundation of international order based on the rule of law, and reaffirmed the importance of compliance with the UNCLOS as maritime states.
- Affirmed that with the growing recognition of the inseparability of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific security, both countries shared the necessity of further strengthening cooperation between both countries and like-minded countries in order to respond to the changing strategic environment.
- Greece expressed its appreciation for the adoption of the National Security Strategy of Japan, including fundamental reinforcement of its defense capabilities, and its continuous support to Ukraine.

2. **Political Cooperation**

The two leaders expressed their readiness to:

- Intensify their political dialogue and exchange of views through the continued exchange of high-level visits, the regular Political Consultations between Foreign Ministries, including those related to UNCLOS.

3. **Regional Issues**

The two leaders:

- Reiterated their strong condemnation of Russia's unprovoked, unjustifiable and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine, and reaffirmed their support to the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- Reiterated the strong opposition to any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion that increase tensions and undermine regional stability and international order based on the rule of law anywhere in the world including the Eastern Mediterranean and the East and South China Seas.
- Condemned North Korea's ongoing development of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.
- Reaffirmed their commitment to promoting cooperation for the FOIP.

4. Enhancing Bilateral Cooperation in Priority Sectors

- Expressed their commitment to free, open and stable seas underpinned by adherence to international law, particularly UNCLOS.
- Welcomed the reaching of an agreement on a final draft of a convention for the avoidance of double taxation and agreed to proceed with the process of the signature.
- Committed to encourage cooperation between the respective investment and trade promotion organizations, namely the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) and Enterprise Greece (EG), and also between respective export credit agencies, namely Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI) and Export Credit Greece (ECG) through signing the respective Memorandum of Cooperation/Understanding.
- Welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Japan Tourism Agency and the Ministry of Tourism of Hellenic Republic in the field of tourism.
- Welcomed the joint proclamation of the “Year of Culture & Tourism” between Greece and Japan in 2024.
- Expressed their intention to cooperate actively in order to enhance their bilateral cooperation in the defense domain, specifically regarding consultations between both Defense authorities in the field of defense cooperation and exchanges, which include the area of defense equipment and technology.
- Expressed their willingness to explore the possibility of cooperation in the field of energy, through investments, infrastructure development and technical cooperation in light of ongoing projects.

5. Cooperation in Multilateral Frameworks

- Shared the view that increased coordination will be important during the two countries’ respective terms as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council (Japan: 2023-2024, Greece, if elected: 2025-2026).
- Concurred to the importance of an early reform of the UN Security Council, and decided to enhance cooperation to this end, including in the negotiation process of the UN.

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