
ALBANIA, GREECE RESUME MARITIME BORDER DELIMITATION TALKS

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Albania and Greece have restarted negotiations to delineate maritime borders in the Ionian Sea.

Albanias Foreign Ministry said in a statement Monday the first round of talks was held in Tirana in a constructive and cooperative climate.

The talks are needed because Albanias Constitutional Court nullified a 2009 agreement on the countrys respective territorial claims to the seas continental shelf and waters, which was signed by the conservative Democratic Party government ruling at the time.

The Socialists, then in opposition but governing Albania now, challenged the agreement in court, claiming it cost the country 225 sq. kilometers (86 sq. miles) of territorial waters.

Relations between Greece and post-communist Albania have remained uneasy, and the striking down of the Ionian Sea agreement was another area of tension.

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