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US, GREECE DISAGREE ON EXTENT OF GREEK AIRSPACE

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According to a new report by the US State Department, Washington does not support Greek allegations that Turkish aircraft violate the countrys airspace.

The US has recently reiterated that it disagrees with Athens on the extent of Greek airspace, a Greek daily reported.

Citing a report prepared by the US State Department and submitted to Congress, the Greek daily Kathimerini highlighted on Wednesday that the US does not support Greek allegations that Turkish aircraft violate the countrys airspace.

The report said Greece claims an airspace that extends up to 10 nautical miles and a territorial sea of up to six nautical miles.

"Under international law, a countrys airspace coincides with its territorial sea. The US thus recognises an airspace up to 6 nautical miles consistent with territorial sea. Greece and the US do not share a view on the extent of Greeces airspace," it said.

The report also noted that "Greece and its neighbours have not agreed on boundary delimitation in those areas where their lawful maritime entitlements overlap."

According to the report, the lack of such delimitation means there is no clarity on the extent of Greeces territorial sea and corresponding airspace in these areas

As such, it noted, Greek claims that Turkish aircraft violate its airspace are not feasible.

The report added that the US encourages Greece and Türkiye "to resolve outstanding bilateral maritime boundary issues peacefully and in accordance with international law."

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