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**WHAT DROVE GREECE'S STRATEGIC MISCALCULATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN?**

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*On Sept. 8, 2025, Egypt submitted a note verbale to the U.N. formally rejecting a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed in June 2025 between Libya's National Oil Corporation and the Turkish Petroleum Corporation (TPAO).*

The agreement allows for seismic surveys in a maritime zone designated as "Area 4," which Cairo claims overlaps with its own exclusive economic zone (EEZ), territorial sea and contiguous zone.

However, this action cannot be viewed in isolation. It followed a similar note verbale from Libya to the U.N. just months earlier, on May 27, 2025, which accused Greece of violating its maritime rights by tendering exploration blocks in an area south of Crete that Libya claims as its own.

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