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*Premier Kyriakos Mitsotakis hails it as historical development*

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According to a deal that was signed during the sixth meeting of the Partnership for Transatlantic Energy Cooperation (P-TEC) in Athens on Thursday between major US energy company ExxonMobil, London-based Greek-owned energy company Energean, and Greeces HelleniQ Energy, the consortium will focus on the Block 2 offshore area in the Ionian Sea west of Corfu, which has been managed by Energean and HelleniQ Energy since 2020.

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