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## Statement of the CHP Central Executive Board

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CHP Central Executive Board follows closely the developments in Foreign



Policy and especially in the Eastern Mediterranean. In this regard, the anchoring of the Oruç Reis Seismic Research Vessel to Antalya is considered as a "concession." As the Republican People's Party, we call to the Government not to compromise our just causes.

Removal of the Parliament from its place as a center of political power left Turkey isolated in its legitimate foreign policy positions and put the country into a position of appeasement.

Although Foreign Policy has to be the State Policy, first it was instrumentalized for domestic purposes, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its bureaucracy were sidelined, and foreign policy decisions began to be taken by One Man.

Furthermore, the conclusion of a memorandum of understanding for the establishment of "Cyprus Land, Offshore and Port Security Center" between the United States and the Greek Cypriot Administration as well as Pompeo's anti-Turkey statements caused great concern.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's signing of a memorandum with the Greek Cypriot Administration will further increase the tension in the region and will make the peaceful resolution of disputes in Cyprus and in the Eastern Mediterranean more difficult.

Disregarding the rights of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, this memorandum of understanding also contradicts the 1960 London and Zurich Agreements. Mike Pompeo's departure without any meeting with the TRNC officials during his visit to the island, on the other hand, is a great disrespect to the Turkish existence on the island.

As the Republican People's Party, we underline that we will defend the interests of the TRNC and our country in the Eastern Mediterranean fully. We regret that the authorities of our country have so far not made a statement regarding this memorandum of understanding.