

**Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Georgia on the Confirmation of the Maritime Boundaries between them in the Black Sea,
14 July 1997**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as Parties,
Having regard to the good-neighbourly relations between the Parties,

Desiring to confirm the maritime boundaries between them through their commitment to the following agreements concluded between the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of Turkey:

Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the establishment of the Maritime Boundary between the Soviet and Turkish Territorial Waters in the Black Sea, signed on 17 April 1973;

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the delimitation of the Continental Shelf between them in the Black Sea, signed on 23 June 1978;

Protocols and other relevant documents between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the demarcation of the Maritime Boundary, signed on 11 September 1980;

Exchange of Letters between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics dated subsequently 23 December 1986 and 6 February 1987 confirming the exclusive economic zone frontier as the previously delimited continental shelf frontier, and other existing related delimitation Agreements concluded between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, have agreed to confirm, in accordance with the foregoing legal instruments, the maritime boundaries between the Turkish and Georgian territorial waters in the Black Sea.

This Protocol shall be ratified in conformity with the national legislation of each Contracting Party and enter into force on the date the exchange of the instruments of ratification through diplomatic channels.

DONE at Tbilisi on 14 July 1997 in the Turkish, Georgian and English languages, being equally authentic.

(Signed)
For the Government of the Republic of Turkey

(Signed)
For the Government of Georgia