

**Protocol between the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the
Government of the Republic of Turkey concerning the Establishment of the
Maritime Boundary between Soviet and Turkish Territorial Waters in the Black
Sea
17 April 1973**

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Republic of Turkey,
Having regard to the good-neighbourly relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of
Turkey and

Desiring to establish the maritime boundary between Soviet and Turkish territorial waters in the Black Sea,
Have decided to conclude this Protocol and have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

P. K. Ermoshin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, for the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics,

Mustafa Kenanoglu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, for the Government of the Republic of Turkey,
Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties agree that the maritime boundary between Soviet and Turkish territorial waters in the Black
Sea, beginning at the terminal point of the State land boundary between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic
of Turkey situated on the sea coast, shall follow an azimuth of 290 degrees until its intersection with the outer limit of the
territorial waters (12 nautical miles) of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of Turkey.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall form on a parity basis a Joint Soviet-Turkish Commission for the marking of maritime
boundary, to consist of five persons for each Party, which shall be in charge of all operations performed in connection with the
marking at the appropriate site of the maritime boundary between Soviet and Turkish territorial waters in the Black Sea and the
preparation of the necessary documents. In the course of these operations the delegations of the Parties may engage the
necessary number of experts and technical personnel.

Article 3

All costs incurred in connection with operations relating to the marking of the maritime boundary between Soviet and
Turkish territorial waters in the Black Sea shall be shared equally by the Contracting Parties.

Article 4

This Protocol shall be ratified and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification.
The exchange of the instruments of ratification shall take place in Moscow as soon as possible.
DONE at Ankara on 17 April 1973, in duplicate in the Russian and Turkish languages, both texts being equally
authentic.