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Action needs to be taken, as Turkey decided to proceed with the construction of its first Nuclear Plant in Akkuyu

Last Wednesday, the Turkish Minister of Energy, Himli Guler, announced the decision of the Turkish Government to proceed with the site selection of the first nuclear power plant at Akkuyu, near the southern coast of Turkey. This news, which we all were afraid of, confirms our worries about the irresponsible installation of a nuclear reactor in an area of both geological and geopolitical uncertainty. Responsibility belongs to every government or citizen of the Mediterranean to react against this constant threat for the Environment, Peace and Life itself in the wider area of the Mediterranean Sea and the Middle East.

We call for all our members, affiliated NGOs and the NGOs which share our cause for a Nuclear-Free Zone of Peace in the Mediterranean, the Balkans and the Middle East, to mobilize people and maximize pressure to their governments to prevent Turkey from constructing an implicit nuclear bomb. We also call all those dedicated to prevent Mediterranean from being transformed to a nuclear-surrounded sea, to stay alert - as Turkey is only the first of a series of declarations for forthcoming nuclear power programs to get realized - and join our voices against the threat passing our doorstep.

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