

- 1 . The two parties agree that the negotiations shall be frank, thoroughgoing and pursued in good faith, with a view to reaching an agreement based on their mutual consent with regard to the delimitation of the continental shelf as between themselves.
2. The two parties agree that these negotiations shall by their very nature be strictly confidential.
- 3 . The two parties reserve their respective positions with regard to the delimitation of the continental shelf.
4. The two parties undertake not in any circumstances to make use of the provisions of this document, or such proposals as may be made by either side during these negotiations, outside the context of the negotiations themselves.
- 5 . The two parties agree that there shall be no statements or leaks to the press on the contents of the negotiations, unless they decide otherwise by common accord.
6. The two parties undertake to refrain from any initiative or act concerning the Aegean continental shelf that might trouble the negotiations.
7. The two parties each undertake, so far as their bilateral relations are concerned, to refrain from any initiative or act likely to throw discredit on the other.
8. The two parties have agreed to study the practice of States and the international rules on the subject, with a view to eliciting such principles and practical criteria as might be of use in the case of the delimitation of the continental shelf between the two countries.
9. To that end, a mixed commission will be set up to be composed of national representatives.
10. The two parties agree to adopt a gradual rhythm in the negotiating process to be followed, after mutual consultation.

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Secret Anex

The first secret article stated that if a complete **agreement** is reached through negotiations on the delimitation of the Aegean continental shelf, the parties shall seek to have this **agreement** confirmed (endorsed) either by the International Court of Justice or by another international judicial organ to be chosen by mutual consent.

It is thought that this provision has apparently been asked by Greece, presumably, with a view to present to the Greek public opinion a mutually agreed delimitation as a decision of an independent international judicial tribunal.

The second secret article concerned an additional period of 3 months for the submission of Greek memorial to the Court in relation to the on-going proceedings at the Court initiated in August **1976** unilaterally by Greece.