



Ελληνική Εταιρεία Γεωγραφικών Μελετών
«Ο Στράβων»

ARCHIPELAGO

Members of STRAVON gathered a few days ago over a working luncheon in downtown Athens.

Participants proceeded to a thorough analysis of the claims by Turkey in the Aegean Archipelago. Referring to problems in the Aegean posed by Turkey, the importance - inter alia - was stressed of article 12 of the Lausanne Treaty. We followed with attention various remarks on the conduct of the Greek government and the need was stressed for Greece to pursue an energetic, comprehensive, thought through foreign and defence policy course.

Participants at the luncheon touched upon regional issues, in the aftermath of war with Iran, involving partners in the Near and the Middle East, questions unfolding from the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea to the Eastern Mediterranean. Emphasis was put on the necessity to overall sustain freedom of navigation through the choke points of Hormuz Straits, Bab el-Mandeb, Bosphorus and the Dardanelles and the unhindered use of the Suez Kanal.

We deplored the fact that democratic principles, rule of law, minority rights are not respected in countries of our region.

We toasted to each other in the conviction that Greece will effectively rise up to any challenge or opportunity during summer and we departed from the air-conditioned premises of our dining place, better educated.

***Stravon of Amaseia,
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