Association Internationale des Études Byzantines Greek Committee of Byzantine Studies

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Resolution

The Greek Committee of Byzantine Studies, in its capacity as representative of the Greek Byzantinists and member of the International Association of Byzantine Studies (AIEB), has observed with great concern the process of overturning the long-established status of Hagia Sophia, despite the strong unanimous international reaction. We are deeply disappointed and utterly opposed to the recent decisions made by the Turkish authorities.

In that spirit, already expressed in the first Resolution of the Greek Committee (8 June 2020), we support unreservedly the Open Letter of the President of AIEB and we are aligned with everything that is communicated by it in detail regarding the unjustified course of action of the Turkish Government.

The President

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