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), is witnessing with increasing concern the attempted alteration of the long-established status of Hagia Sophia.

Any further actions to that end are absolutely in violation of internationally accepted regulations and are to be condemned, given the prominent historical and architectural significance of this unique edifice of 6th century Byzantine Constantinople and its globally recognised value as a World Cultural Heritage monument.

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