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Εξοχότατε κύριε Πρόεδρε,

Οι υπογράφωντες Καθηγητές Πανεπιστημίων της Ελλάδος, των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών, και άλλων χωρών, μέλη του Ελληνικού Ηλεκτρονικού Κέντρου, κάνουμε έκκληση στην Ελληνική κυβέρνηση να λάβει όλα τα απαραίτητα μέτρα για την αντιμετώπιση των συνεχών προκλήσεων εκ μέρους των Σκοπίων, που εντάθηκαν κατά τη διάρκεια των εν εξελίξει διαπραγματεύσεων για την εξεύρεση αμοιβαίας αποδεκτής λύσης για την ονομασία της πρώην Γιουγκοσλαβικής Δημοκρατίας της Μακεδονίας (πΓΔΜ). Το κόστος για την Ελλάδα και τον Ελληνισμό θα είναι πολύ βαρύ, εάν δεν εξευρεθεί μια δίκαια και βιώσιμη λύση που θα διαφυλάσσει την εθνική και πολιτιστική ταυτότητα της Ελληνικής Μακεδονίας, πριν από την είσοδο της πΓΔΜ στη Βορειοατλαντική Συμμαχία και την Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση.

Αποτελεί χρέος της Ελληνικής Δημοκρατίας και των εκλεγμένων εκπροσώπων του ελληνικού λαού στο Κοινοβούλιο να προασπίσουν τα ελληνικά συμφέροντα και κυρίως την εδαφική ακεραιότητα και τη διαχρονική πολιτιστική κληρονομιά της Ελλάδος, απορρίπτοντας κάθε πρόταση που θα επέτρεπε στη πΓΔΜ να σφετερισθεί άμεσα ή έμμεσα τον όρο Μακεδονία, κάτι το οποίο θα την καθιστούσε την μόνη χώρα στον κόσμο με το ιστορικό αυτό όνομα.

Είναι επιτακτική ανάγκη να απορρίψει η Ελλάδα τις κλιμακούμενες διεκδικήσεις των Σκοπίων σε βάρος της ελληνικής Μακεδονίας, είτε αυτές σχετίζονται με πλαστογράφιση της ιστορίας, είτε με πλασματικές εθνικές μειονότητες στην Ελληνική Επικράτεια, και μάλιστα σε μία περίοδο αποσταθεροποίησης των συνόρων στα Βαλκάνια. Οφείλει ακόμη η Ελλάδα να δηλώσει με το πιο αποφασιστικό τρόπο ότι η αλαζονεία και οι συνεχείς προκλήσεις της πΓΔΜ δεν μπορούν πλέον να γίνουν ανεκτές.

Η πρόταση του κυρίου Νίμιτς δεν είναι ικανοποιητική αν και αποκλείει, κατ' αρχήν, τις εδαφικές διεκδικήσεις των Σκοπίων σε βάρος της Ελληνικής Μακεδονίας, διότι δεν προβλέπει κάποιον αποτελεσματικό μηχανισμό που θα εμποδίσει μελλοντική εμμονή της πΓΔΜ σε αυτές. Πιστεύουμε ακόμη πως κάποιοι από τους όρους της πρότασης Νίμιτς είναι άκρως προσβλητικοί για τους Έλληνες. Το να

μη μας επιτρέπεται να χρησιμοποιούμε τους όρους «Μακεδονία», «Μακεδονικός» και «Μακεδόνας» είναι σαν να μας επιβάλλουν να αρνηθούμε την ιστορία μας και την ταυτότητά μας.

Κάνουμε έκκληση προς την Ελληνική κυβέρνηση και τη Βουλή να πράξουν το αυτονόητο καθήκον τους.

Παρακαλούμε να διαβιβάσετε τις ανησυχίες μας στην Κυβέρνηση της Ελλάδος και στα πολιτικά κόμματα.

Με σεβασμό,

cc: Mr. Kostas Karamanlis - Prime Minister of Greece
Ms. Dora Bakoyanni - Foreign Minister of Greece
Mr. George Papandreou - Leader of PASOK
Ms. Aleka Papariga - Leader of KKE
Mr. Alexis Tsipras - Leader of SYRIZA
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Dr. Karolos Papoulias
March 14, 2008
President of the Hellenic Republic
Athens - Greece

Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned Professors from Greece, the United States, and other parts of the world, and members of the Hellenic Electronic Center urge the Greek government to take all necessary steps to address the unrelenting provocations from Skopje, which have intensified during the course of the current negotiations for a mutually acceptable solution regarding the naming of FYROM. The toll to Greece and Hellenism will be too heavy, if a fair settlement, satisfactory to Greece, is not reached

before FYROM accedes to membership in NATO and the European Union.

It is the duty of the Hellenic Republic and its elected representatives to defend the Hellenic interests, and, in particular, the territorial integrity and cultural heritage of the Greek State, by rejecting any and all proposals which would permit FYROM to be explicitly or implicitly recognized as Macedonia, making FYROM the only country in the world bearing the historic name.

It is imperative that Greece absolutely reject all of Skopje's false historic and minority claims to Macedonia -especially at a time of instability in the borders of Balkan countries- and assert in a most decisive manner that FYROM's arrogance and provocations will no longer be tolerated.

While the proposal of Mr. Nimetz precludes, in principle, territorial claims against Greece by Skopje, it does not provide mechanisms to stop them. Moreover, other provisions included in Mr. Nimetz's proposal are profoundly insulting to the Hellenes of Greece and the Diaspora. To be prevented from using the words "Macedonia", "Macedonian", and "Macedones" is like being forced to deny who we are. No one can force us to deny our history and identity.

We expect that the Greek Government and Parliament will do their obvious duty.

Please, convey our concerns to the Government of Greece and all Political Parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

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