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Ministerial Statement

To The Prime Minister Of The Hellenic Republic

As Europe faces a crossroads of historical proportions, the London Summit of NATO is a moment of defining importance for the future of collective security. As the Cold War is drawing to a close, Greece brings a renewed commitment to stability and responsibility. A set of ministerial priorities outlined in the below.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Foreign Affairs Ministry welcomes and supports this evolution in NATO's role, which is more political and cooperative in nature because it corresponds to the new realities that are shaping the security context in Europe. The Greek Government is in favor of talks in general between Greece and Eastern Europe and between Greece and the Soviet Union because this is the way to peace in the long run. Even so, the Greek Government is focusing on the Balkans and on the Eastern Mediterranean because in these regions, fast-moving changes could endanger stability.

Ministry of National Defence

As Greece, it is our belief that it is important to emphasise that "the credibility of NATO and the tools of collective defence need to be maintained during this transition." Although a reduction in confrontations is supported, an employed with restraint and strict respect for international humanitarian law and the protection military presence is necessary for avoiding "power vacuums" and "miscalculation." "The use of military force as a first option" should never happen; instead, it must be reserved as a last resort for civilians.

Ministry of the Interior

The Ministry of the Interior is concerned with maintaining internal stability in a world full of external changes. Political developments in Europe can imply a series of societal and humanitarian factors, such as population flows. The Greek government emphasizes the need to coordinate and prepare for different scenarios to guarantee stability in the state in terms of its internal and external obligations.

Conclusion

Thus, Greece's assessment is that NATO needs to remain a united family that is able to adjust to a new strategic environment with care. The strength of NATO lies in being able to maintain a balance of dialogue with credibility and reform with responsibility. Greece is prepared to share actively with NATO for a peaceful, stable, and safe Europe based on cooperation, values of democracy, and security concerns.

Respectfully submitted,