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To
Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic
Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis

Re: NATO Membership Action Plan for Ukraine

Your Excellency,

In anticipation of the NATO Summit of Allied leaders, the Association of the Ukrainian Diaspora in Greece «Ukrainian-Hellenic Thought» calls upon you and all NATO member states to strongly reaffirm NATO's decisions taken at the 2008 Bucharest Summit Declaration:

- NATO's 'open door' policy for Ukraine and Georgia's NATO membership;
- article 23, assigning allied Foreign Ministers the authority to decide on the MAP applications of Ukraine and Georgia.

We appeal to you to accelerate the MAP submission for Ukraine during the December 2021 NAC ministerial meeting.

In recent months, the international community witnessed an unprecedented escalation of Russian aggression including buildup of Russian troops at Ukraine's borders and materiel movement into Russian-occupied Crimea and Russia-Ukraine border regions. Totally disregarding the values of democracy and the rules-based international community, Russia seeks to destabilize Europe through disinformation and acts of aggression in NATO member states, such as the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

To counter this growing threat from Russia, the Association of the Ukrainian Diaspora in Greece «Ukrainian-Hellenic Thought» joins the Bucharest Nine states in calling for enhanced NATO presence in Eastern Europe and greater security in the Black Sea region.

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A clear message of support for Ukraine's MAP will serve to deter further Russian aggression. It will also reaffirm NATO's commitment to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and Euro-Atlantic choice.

Yours sincerely,

President

Halyna Masliouk-Kakkou



Secretary

Natalia Ananevych

Ukrainian – Hellenic Thought

The Association of the Ukrainian Diaspora in Greece, "Ukrainian-Hellenic Thought" is the first officially registered Ukrainian association in Greece, which was founded in 1998 and based on the first and still the only Ukrainian newspaper with the Greek supplement "Visnyk-Aggeliaforos" (1997. The Messenger). The goal of the Association is to save Ukrainian identity, language, customs and traditions, and inform the Greek society about the Ukrainian ancient and modern history and the uniqueness of the Ukrainian culture. For the past 20 years the Association has been actively collaborating with Ukrainian, Greek and International organizations. It has also held a whole array of events, exhibitions, conferences and seminars. The Association "Ukrainian-Hellenic Thought" has a Ukrainian Sunday School and five centers on the continental and insular parts of Greece. It is a member of the older Ukrainian diaspora organizations, such as the Ukrainian World Congress (founded in 1967) and the European Congress of Ukrainians (founded in 1949). The Association supports the new media resource Fightingfortruthblog.wordpress.com, and annual printed magazine with the Greek supplement "Visnyk-Aggeliaforos", which are the only Ukrainian media outlet in Greece.