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**Τετάρτη, 9 Μαΐου 2007**

**Σας κοινοποιούμε την απάντησή μας στη δήλωση του Υπουργού των Εξωτερικών της F.Y.R.O.M. κ. Milososki η οποία και θα διανεμηθεί στον Τύπο.**

*Για το Σ.Α.Ε. Περιφέρειας Αμερικής  
Θ. Σαυρόπουλος, Συντονιστής*

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*The statement made by F.Y.R.O.M's Foreign Minister, Mr. A. Milososki:*

*"It would be wiser for the Greek lobby (the Greek-American community) in the US to focus its energy on improving the situation in its motherland (Greece) and supporting the Balkan stabilization within the NATO integration, instead of wasting it on an irrational bilateral dispute with the Republic of Macedonia over the latter's name.*

*The extremely rich Greek Mythology can provide us with an example of irrational behavior. In this case, the Sisyphus myth, according to which Sisyphus was eternally pushing a stone without succeeding in moving it from its place, gives us an example of how energy should not be wasted. Macedonia is rather interested in further developing the solid relations with Greece and is ready to resume talks on all bilateral issues".*

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## **Response to F.Y.R.O.M.'s Foreign Minister Mr. A. Milososki's address to American citizens and philhellenes**

We regret Honorable Foreign Minister of F.Y.R.O.M. Mr. Antonio Milososki's aggressive and scornful attack against American citizens and philhellenes of U.S.A. Instead of engaging into further discussions, he chose polarization and isolationism as a means by which to carry out the political agenda of his ministry.

We are in complete disagreement with his action; what we want to counter offer is a more prudent course of action that would lead the Foreign Minister of F.Y.R.O.M. to focus his energy on addressing the challenges faced by his newly-born country rather than to launch attacks against American elected officials and US philhellenes who are trying to promote peaceful relationships between Greece and FYROM.

Greece is the most mature and robust economic power in the region and a credible strategic player in the international arena. FYROM would benefit greatly by Greece's support in its efforts to realize its economic growth and sustainable development. Moreover, it would be counterproductive for F.Y.R.O.M.'s foreign policy to continue to violate the provisions of the UN-brokered Interim Agreement between the two countries.

It is in F.Y.R.O.M's best interest to acknowledge the importance of the Greek language, heritage, history and culture, as do all other educated people and nations who know history. It would be wise for Skopjans not to try to steal a historic past that does not belong to them; instead, they should take "advantage" of Greece's good will and forge a peaceful and harmonious relationship with her, for they could benefit greatly from it.

Despite it all, it was to our delight to realize that the Honorable Minister knows Greek mythology; we take special pride in that he uses Greek mythological examples in his thought process. However, he should read more carefully into the message conveyed by the Sisyphus myth as it applies perfectly to the false goals F.Y.R.O.M has set.

The Greek-American Community promotes understanding, friendship, and cooperation between Greece and F.Y.R.O.M. The name "Macedonia" however is part of Greece's historic and cultural legacy. Greek history and the name "Macedonia" were not, are not, and can never become a negotiable commodity.

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We encourage the Honorable Minister Mr. Milososki, as an elected official of F.Y.R.O.M., to rather adopt ways in seeking a meaningful discussion and not to resort in making sarcastic and ironic remarks about the long-lasting and current standing of Greece, given the gravity of the issue at hand. Additionally, we would like to suggest that Skopjians in the USA and Canada cease their propaganda by discontinuing the distribution of educational material and ethno-historic data that has been purposely distorted. We truly care about a permanent peace and the well being of all peoples in South East Europe and the Balkan neighborhood. We are concerned about the “next day”. We invite the Honorable Minister to join us in this endeavor.

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