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Your Excellency

GREEK BUSINESS MISSION TO NIGERIA: 5-10 NOVEMBER 2014

As Your Excellency may please recall, we have extensively discussed the need and prospects for an increase in interaction and engagement between entrepreneurs and private sector organizations in Nigeria and the Hellenic Republic. This is borne out of my deep conviction that the warm and friendly people of the country would make veritable partners for the equally warm and highly industrious business operators in Nigeria. The outcome of such collaboration will be immense mutual benefit for our two countries.

2. It is in this regard that tremendous effort has been invested into arranging a visit by Greek entrepreneurs to Nigeria, tentatively from 5-10 November, 2014. My Mission visited several Chambers of Commerce and Industry as well as business operators in Greece to intimate them with the proposed Business


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Mission. The reception has been highly encouraging. Additionally, contacts made to Nigeria's organized private sector organizations on the proposal have been well received and they are looking forward to welcoming the Greek Mission. I also presented the concept of the visit to the B5 Directorate of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ambassador Michael Christidis) and they are supportive of the effort.

3. A further advantage of the timing of the visit will be the Lagos International Trade Fair-one of the biggest trade fairs in Nigeria-organized by the Lagos Chambers of Commerce and Industry, from 8-16 November, 2014. It is proposed that after two or three days of fruitful business-business meetings from 6-8 November, the Greek Mission can visit the trade fair to establish further contact with Nigerian partners. As a matter of fact, some Greek companies have already contacted the Embassy about the possibility of hiring a stand at the Lagos Trade Fair.

4. In line with our discussions Excellency and in view of your vast experience in matters of trade, I will like to invite your esteemed Chamber to support the arrangements by taking the lead role of coordinating the Greek side of the business Mission. This is to ensure the success of the business Mission when it takes place. Of course, I will continuously be available to work with you and contribute my Embassy's quota toward the preparations for the event.

5. Please accept the assurances of my very warm regard.



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