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from: Mr Dimitrios TOULOUPAS, Ambassador, Representative of Greece to the PSC

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to: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Nomination of Mr Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS as Member of the European Commission

Delegations will find attached a letter¹ from Mr Dimitrios TOULOUPAS, Ambassador, Representative of Greece to the PSC, forwarding the letter from H.E. Mr Antonios SAMARAS, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, nominating Mr Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS as Member of the European Commission.

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to forward hereafter a facsimile of the letter of nomination of Mr. Dimitrios Avramopoulos, addressed to the President-in office of the Council of the European Union, H.E. Mrs. Federica Mogherini by H.E. Mr. Antonios Samaras, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic.

The original will follow.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Mrs. Federica Mogherini
President-in-office of the Council
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Piazzale della Farnesina 1
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Dear Mrs. Mogherini,

Athens, 26 July 2014

Following the European Council's decision of the 16th of July, I would like, on behalf of the Greek government, to nominate Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos, Minister of National Defense, as the Greek member of the next EU Commission.

Please find attached, herewith, Mr. Avramopoulos CV.

Sincerely yours,

A.C. Samaras.
Antonis C. Samaras

Dimitris Avramopoulos was born in Athens, on June 6, 1953. His origins are from Arcadia and Ilia (Central Peloponnese), where lie the roots of his parents, Helene and Lambros, respectively.

He has studied Public Law and Political Sciences in the School of Law of the University of Athens, and continued next with his postgraduate studies in Brussels and Boston.

In 1980 he graduates from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and begins his professional career in the Diplomatic Service, which was completed in 1993, upon entering Greece's political life.

The highlights in his course are the following:

Political Career

1993: Career diplomat since 1980, he resigns from the Greek Diplomatic Service and enters politics, as a member of the "New Democracy" Party.

Elected member of the Central Committee of "New Democracy".

1993-1994: Elected Deputy, member of the Greek Parliament.

1995-2002: Mayor of Athens. Elected for the first term in the October 1994 municipal elections and reelected in October 1998 from the first round, with a landslide majority.

1995-1999: Chairman of the Central Union of Local Authorities of Greece.

1995: Founder and first President of the "Permanent Conference of the Mayors of the Capitals of Southeastern Europe".

1996-2000: Vice President of the Executive Committee of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA).

1997-2002: Member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union and Vice President of its Bureau (1997-2000).

2000-2001: President of the "Free Citizens Movement".

2000-2002: President of the "Summit Conference of the Mayors of the World". In the September 2002 Athens session, the Conference ratified the Cities' Diplomacy, one of his international initiatives during his Mayorship, which was officially approved by the UN Secretary General.

2001: Founder of the "Athens' International Prize for Democracy", under the auspices of UNESCO (Paris).

2002: Founder of the "World Union of Olympic Cities", under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee (Lausanne). Founder of the "World Institute of Glocal and Cities' Diplomacy" (Rome).

2004: Elected Member of the Parliament with "New Democracy" party on the March 7th National elections

2004-2006: Minister of Tourism Development.

2006-2009: Minister of Health and Social Solidarity

2007: Reelected Member of the Parliament with "New Democracy".

2009: MP in the Greek Parliament. Head of International Relations for the opposition "New Democracy" Party. President of the Organising Committee of 2010 "New Democracy" Party Congress

2010: Vice President of the main opposition Party in the Parliament «New Democracy».

2011: Minister of National Defence.

2012: Minister of Foreign Affairs.

2013: Minister of National Defence.

Diplomatic Career

1980-1983: Career Diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Minister's of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister's Diplomatic Office, Athens).

1983-1988: Consul of Greece in Liège (Belgium).

1989-1991: Special Diplomatic Advisor to the President Costas Mitsotakis, Leader of the New Democracy Party (N.D.).

1991-1992: Representative in the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe (ECSC / Vienna).

1992: Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Athens).

1992-1993: Consul General of Greece to Geneva (Switzerland).

1993: Director of the Diplomatic Office of the Prime Minister of Greece, Costas Mitsotakis.

1993 (October): Resigns from the Diplomatic Service to enter politics.

Current Positions

Since January 2003: Honorary President of the Athens' International Prize for Democracy, under the auspices of UNESCO (Paris).

Chairman of the Steering Committee on Cities' Diplomacy, established by the Glocal Forum (Rome) and the World Bank Institute (Washington D.C.)

President of the "World Institute of Glocal and Cities' Diplomacy", an independent NGO having its seat in Rome and its executive Secretariat in Athens.

Executive President of the "World Union of Olympic Cities", an NGO, according to the Olympic Charter, recognized by the IOC (Lausanne).

Visiting Fellow of the Institute of Politics, JFK School of Government, Harvard University.

Academic Degrees

1978: Bachelor of Arts in Public Law and Political Science from the Law School of Athens' University.

1979-1980: Postgraduate Specialisation Diploma on International Organisation (Boston University / Brussels).

1986: Masters on European Studies (Institute of European Affairs of the "Universite Libre de Bruxelles" (Brussels).

1995: Honorary Doctor of ADELPHI University (New York).

1997: Honorary Doctor of DEREK College (Athens).

2000: Honorary Doctor of DREXEL University (Philadelphia).

2000: Honorary Doctor of KINGSTON University.

2002: Honorary Professor of the State Academy of Technological Sciences of Moscow.

2002: Honorary Professor of Peking University (Beijing).

2003: Visiting Fellow, at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Institute of Politics, Harvard University.

Honorary Distinctions and Awards

He has been bestowed awards and state decorations from many countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Vatican, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Lebanon as well as from the Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinopolis, the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Patriarchate of Alexandria.

He has been awarded the "Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix" of the Hellenic Republic.

He has also been bestowed, in 2006, the "Vincitore Assoluto" Award of the Premio Internazionale "Giuseppe Sciacca".

He has been presented with highest distinctions from many foreign cities and Municipalities: Ammohostos, Barcelona, Beijing, Beirut, Berlin, Boston, Brooklyn N.Y., Bucharest, Caracas, Chicago, Florence, Genova, Jakarta, Havana, Istanbul, Kiev, Krotone, Ljubljana, Los Angeles, Miami -Florida, Massachusetts, Montreal, Moscow, New Jersey, New York, Nicosia, Paris, Philadelphia, Providence, Rhode Island, Rome, Sofia, State of Illinois, Sydney, Tbilisi, Tirana, Toronto, Valletta, Washington D.C., Xian, Yerevan.

He has also been bestowed the Honorary Citizenship of 40 Greek and foreign cities.

Personal Information

Born in Athens in 1953.

Military service in the Greek Air Force (1978-1980) served in Athens and in the NATO Headquarters in Brussels.

Married to Vivian, with two sons, Filippos and Iasonas.

Fluent in English, French and Italian.