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**VIA FAX, MAIL & EMAIL**

Your Excellency

August 30, 2009 marks the 26th anniversary of the International Day of the Disappeared. On this we would like to draw your attention to the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances.

The Convention was adopted by the UN General Assembly by consensus on 20 December 2006 (A/RES/61/177) and it represents the culmination of a long effort by many families of disappeared persons, non-governmental organizations and governments to address the continuing problem of enforced disappearance through international law.

The Convention will be an effective way to help prevent enforced disappearances, establish the truth about this crime, punish the perpetrators and provide reparations to the victims and their families. As countless persons continue to be "disappeared" throughout the world, the prompt entry into force of the Convention and its ratification and effective implementation in all countries must be a priority for the international community and particularly for countries that have a legacy of enforced disappearances.

We therefore urge the Hellenic Parliament to request the Greek Government to:

- ratify the Convention at the earliest opportunity without any limiting reservations;
- make the declaration required under Articles 31 and 32 of the Convention, thus recognizing the competence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to consider communications from individuals and states parties; and
- take the necessary steps to effectively implement the Convention at national level soon after ratification.

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I thank you for your attention to this important matter and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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Abbreviations:
HS: Host send
HR: Host receive
WS: Waiting send

PL: Polled local
PR: Polled remote
MS: Mailbox save

MP: Mailbox print
CP: Completed
FA: Fail

TU: Terminated by user
TS: Terminated by system
RP: Report

G3: Group 3
EC: Error Correct