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International Conference

**Under the Auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic
Mr Prokopios Pavlopoulos**

**THE PROTECTION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE RECENT CRISIS AND PERSPECTIVES FOR COORDINATED
ACTION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

**VOULEUTIKON, NAFPLIO
27 & 28 MAY 2016**

PROGRAMME

Friday 27 May

16:30 – 17:30 Registration of participants

17:30 – 18:10 Opening of the Conference

Chair and Moderator: Prof. Stelios Perrakis, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe

Opening addresses by:

- Message of H.E. the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Alexis Tsipras
- Nikos Xydakis, Alternate Foreign Minister for European Affairs, Greece
- Tassos Cheividopoulos, Prefect of the Region of Argolis
- Demetrios Kostouros, Mayor of Nafplio
- Prof. Grigoris Tsaltas, President of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations, President of Department of International, European & Area Studies, Panteion University

18:15 – 19:45 Inaugural session of the Conference

Chair and Moderator: Prof. Emmanuel Roucounas, University of Athens, Member of the Academy of Athens

18:15 – 18:30 Keynote speech

- Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
The Implementation of the Council of Europe standards in the current refugee crisis: expectations, challenges and perspectives
- Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship
The protection of fundamental rights in the framework of the current refugee crisis management by the European Union

18:30 – 19:45 Round table discussion: Means for upholding the values of human rights in the framework of the refugee crisis

Introductory statement: Philippe Leclerc, UNHCR Representative in Greece

Participants:

- Nikos Xydakis, Alternate Foreign Minister for European Affairs, Greece
- Tineke Strik, MP, Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Kostis Papaioannou, Secretary General for Transparency and Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights of Greece
- Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Constantinos Manolopoulos, Deputy Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Amb. Tomas Bocek, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees, Council of Europe

Saturday 28 May

9.30 – 11.00 Panel I: Determining the right to international protection and the process of return of irregular migrants

Chair and Moderator: Prof. Christos Rozakis, President, Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe

Introductory statement: Prof. Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos, Judge, European Court of Human Rights: Standards and state obligations deriving from the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights

Participants:

- Kostis Papaioannou, Secretary General for Transparency and Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights of Greece
- Morten Kjaerum, Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute
- David Milner, Secretariat of the Committee on Migration, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Inmaculada Arnaez, Fundamental Rights Officer, FRONTEX
- Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director, Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 13.00 Panel II: Protection of vulnerable groups – children, victims of human trafficking, LGBT and others

Chair and Moderator: Amb. Tomas Bocek, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees, Council of Europe

Introductory statement: Prof. Siobhán Mullally, First Vice-President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) of the Council of Europe: Countering trafficking of human beings in the context of the current refugee crisis

Participants:

- Matoula Papadimitriou, Children's Department of the Greek Ombudsman
- Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Unit, Council of Europe
- Nawel Rafik Elmrini, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg
- Representative of NGO "METAdrasi"
- Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of Division, Cooperation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Council of Europe

13.00 – 14.30 Free time for lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Panel III: Restrictions to liberty and decent living conditions pending procedures for determination of international protection or removal

Chair and Moderator: Vassilis Karydis, Acting Greek Ombudsman

Introductory statements:

- Prof. Haritini Dipla, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, former Vice-President of CPT: *Detention conditions and monitoring detention places*
- Régis Brillat, Head of the Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe: *Ensuring human rights compatible living conditions: Obligations from a social rights perspective*

Participants:

- Ass. Prof. Maria Daniella Marouda, Panteion University, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- Prof. Panayiotis Grigoriou, Dean, Faculty of Social Studies, University of the Aegean
- Representative of NGO “ARSIS”

16.10 – 17.15 Panel IV: Coordinated action of international organisations – the way forward

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17.15 – 17.45 Break

17.45 – 18.45 Table ronde de clôture: L’Europe des valeurs face à la crise¹

Président et Modérateur de la table ronde: Prof. Stelios Perrakis, Ambassadeur, Représentant Permanent de la Grèce auprès du Conseil de l’Europe

Participants:

- Prof. Sia Anagnostopoulou, Ministre adjoint de l’Éducation, de la Recherche et des Cultes, Grèce
- Prof. Florence Benoît Rohmer, Université de Strasbourg
- Prof. Jean-Paul Jacqué, Directeur général honoraire, Conseil de l’UE
- Prof. Anastasios-Ioannis Metaxas, Membre de l’Académie Européenne Interdisciplinaire des Sciences, Université nationale et capodistrienne d’Athènes
- Prof. Christos Rozakis, Président du Tribunal Administratif du Conseil de l’Europe

18:50 – 19:10 Closing Remarks by Prof. Stelios Perrakis & Christos Giakoumopoulos

20:00 Ceremony in honor of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe,
Mr Thorbjørn Jagland

Reception

¹ This round table will be held in French