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TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
The Permanent Representative

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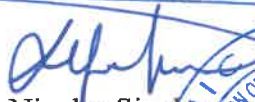
Strasbourg, July 15th, 2026
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Dear Commissioner,

In response to your letter, dated July 8th, 2026, please find enclosed a letter for your kind attention from the Minister of Migration and Asylum of Greece, Mr Thanos Plevris.

Please accept, dear Commissioner, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,


Nicolas Sigalas
Ambassador



Dear Commissioner,

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2026 and for sharing your reflections and recommendations concerning the possible establishment of return hubs.

I appreciate your continued engagement on issues relating to migration management and the protection of human rights. Greece remains firmly committed to ensuring that all migration policies are implemented in full compliance with its obligations under international and European law.

As discussions on the future establishment of return hubs are progressing at European level, Greece considers that any relevant arrangements will be developed and implemented in accordance with the applicable European Union legal framework, including the forthcoming Return Regulation, as well as with the international obligations binding upon all participating States. These legal standards will guide both the establishment of any such arrangements and their practical operation.

At the same time, we believe that return hubs constitute a legitimate policy tool within a comprehensive and effective migration management system, aimed at facilitating the return of persons who have no legal right to remain, while fully respecting fundamental rights and the principle of non-refoulement.

Thank you once again for your valuable observations. My services remain at your disposal should you wish to continue this constructive exchange on this or any related matter.

Yours sincerely,

Thanos K. Plevris