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Dear Mr. Prime Minister.

6th Government Roundtable "LEADERSHIP STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL RECOVERY THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION April 17th-19th, 2002

Over the past 50 years, **The Economist Conferences** have come to enjoy the reputation of one of the world's most well known and highly regarded business and economic summits as part of **The Economist Group** which comprises of The Economist newspaper and The Economist Intelligence Unit.

More than 600 business leaders, political figures, bankers and leading international delegates from around the globe come together to discuss key business, economic and political issues that are shaping the global agenda. It is within this context that **The Economist Conferences** and their official representative Hazlis & Rivas Co. Ltd. in Athens, Greece have had the pleasure and honour over the past eight years to host leading personalities at their high level summits that have taken place in Greece.

During last year's Government Roundtable our Guest of Honour & Keynote Speaker during the Opening Dinner was fmr President of the United States of America, Mr. George Bush.

Other high calibre speakers during the recent 5th Government Roundtable included fmr. Secretary of Defence, William Cohen, fmr. Russian Prime Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shimon Peres and Palestinian Minister of Planning & International Cooperation, Dr. Nabil Shaa'th, E.U. Representative Javier Solana, Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, Albanian Prime Minister Ilir Meta, Nobel Prize Winner, Robert Mundell and many significant corporate representatives from international institutions based in Europe and the United States.

Other government roundtables have hosted Sir Leon Brittan, fmr. Dep. Chancellor Hans Dietrich Genscher, fmr. President Mikhail Gorbachev, Lord David Owen, fmr. Chancellor of Germany Helmut Schmidt, fmr. President Jacques Santer, fmr. President of the Bundesbank, Helmut Schlesinger.

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It gives me great pleasure to announce our forthcoming 6th Government Roundtable entitled "Leadership Strategy for Global Recovery through Regional Cooperation" which has been scheduled to take place on April 17th-19th, 2002 at the Astir Palace Hotel, Vouliagmeni - Athens, Greece.

Our forthcoming summit shall focus upon greater regional cooperation to reverse the global economic downturn and to promote security and stability in the region through a stimulating dialogue and constructive collaboration among all its prestigious participants. Furthermore, the 6th Government Roundtable's scope is to brainstorm with world leaders and decision-makers from international business, government, academia and the media on key economic, political and social issues on the global agenda as well as to focus upon the difficult tasks and challenges that lie ahead.

With this letter, we cordially invite you, Mr. Prime Minister, to give us the honour and pleasure of your participation as our Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker during the Official Dinner of the 6th Government Roundtable on April 17th, 2002 at 21.00 hours.

We sincerely hope to have the pleasure of having you with us at this important summit which shall once again play host to more than 1.000 politicians, prominent presidents and C.E.O.'s of multi-national and local companies, from Greece and other European countries, international organisations and banks, cabinet ministers from Greece and the Balkan region, Ambassadors as well as representatives of the international and local media.

We shall be inviting the **Prime Ministers from the Southeast European and Eastern Mediterranean** region as well as the **Prime Ministers of other European countries** to attend the conference should you wish to conduct meetings with them during your brief stay in Athens.

We sincerely hope to have you with us during this important global summit.

In anticipation of your positive reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director

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