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Dear Ms Vassiliou,

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1999 informing about the initiative of the Human Rights Defence Centre to develop a project on human rights education for migrants and police officials. In view of the recent and ongoing increase of migration to our country, this project is dealing with a key issue - the treatment of migrants and the safeguarding of their rights.

Since Greece has rapidly become a host country for a large number of people of different nationalities and cultures, the Greek Government is taking measures to diminish the spreading of xenophobia and social exclusion. Therefore, every effective and well founded effort, like the one you have undertaken towards that end, is both welcomed and needed.

With cordial good wishes for the successful completion of your project,

Yours sincerely

Professor George Papadimitriou