

PRIMEMINISTER'S LEGAL ADVISER

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Dear Mr. Kosmo,

Thank you for your prompt response to Mr. N. Themelis' letter dated 11.3.98, and for kindly clarifying the circumstances under which the Prime Minister may serve as an Honorary Chairman to the Athens Forum.

I have indeed presented this clarification to the Prime Minister and I would like to inform you that it would still be difficult for him to accept the title of the Honorary Chairman. This, as I may explain on his behalf, is due not only to the heavy schedule he is under but also to the practice he strictly follows not to hold conferences under his auspices. Hence, I would like to assure you that it is not a case of "overstating your expectations" but it is a matter of current practice for the Prime Minister.

Nevertheless, I would like to thank you once more for your invitation and confirm the Prime Minister's interest in attending and addressing the Athens Forum should his engagements permit. I will provide you with the relevant information as soon as they become definite.

I stay at your disposal and I will be glad to contact you again for further arrangements.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

George Papadimitriou

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