

Mr, President,
Dear Colleague,

Please find attached a letter addressed to you with respect to the need for Parliaments to guarantee full respect of democratic procedures and the protection of human rights in the European Union, in light of the recent referendum held in Greece. Having closely followed your statements on the Greek referendum during the last 10 days, I consider it my duty to underline that this referendum was decided by the Hellenic Parliament by a large majority vote and conducted through impeccable procedures, which ensured very high participation of the voters. It was a true moment of democracy and, as such, should be respected by all, especially by parliamentarians and heads of Parliament, who act and speak in the name of the people.

You will also find attached the Preliminary Report of the Hellenic Parliament Truth Committee on Public Debt (Debt Truth Committee), a Special International Interdisciplinary Committee, carrying out a mandate to investigate the truth about the creation and inflation of the public debt, to conduct an Audit of the Debt and to promote international cooperation of the Hellenic Parliament with the European Parliament and the Parliaments of other countries and international organizations on matters of debt, in order to raise awareness and activate the society, the international community and the international public opinion. Please note that the Committee, in its Preliminary Report, issued on June 18, 2015, found the Greek Debt to be illegitimate, illegal, odious and unsustainable, for the reasons analyzed therein.

Let me stress that it is of key importance that members of the European Parliament are fully informed on the current situation in Greece as well as on the works of the Truth Committee on Public Debt and, to this effect, I remain at the disposal of the European Parliament.

As a matter of emergency, utmost importance, transparency and democracy, this communication will be copied to the Members of the European Parliament, in the hope that it will contribute to their information and wider understanding of facts and factual elements, but also to an open and honest parliamentary debate about the real stakes, which are the fate of a people and the fate of rights and democracy in Europe.

Yours Sincerely,

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President of the Hellenic Parliament