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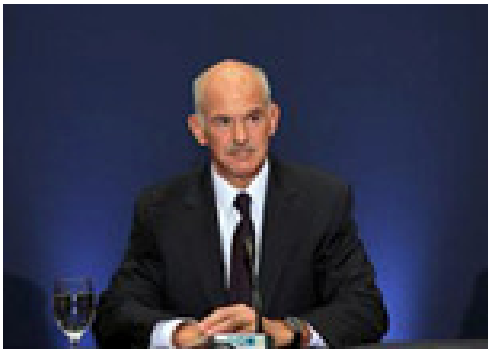
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FOREWORD
by the
Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs

The main characteristic of 2008 was a series of crises that broke out and influenced the globe. On the one hand, high food prices drove many peoples around the world to deeper poverty and famine, while in the same time jeopardized the process of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. On the other hand, the crisis brought about significant suffering to the poorest countries.

Faced with this new, difficult reality, our country undertook its moral duty in full. Greece undertook a significant portion of the responsibility that corresponds to the community of donors of development assistance. In this framework Greece improved its position, both as regards the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the aid granted.

In 2008 the total Official Development Assistance of Greece (bilateral and multilateral – ODA) reached the amount of 703.16 MUSD or 487.50 MEURO, that is 0.21% of Gross National Income. In respect to 2007, Greece's total ODA increased by 202.34 MUSD or 140.28 MEURO, that is by approximately by 40% in current prices.

Besides, there was a significant increase of bilateral aid that was granted by Greece to African countries and especially to Sub Saharan ones. Equivalent efforts were also made towards the problems and challenges associated with climate change, since it influences most poor countries, even though they bear the least responsibility for the activities that comprise the source of the problem.

At a practical level, synergies were enhanced with other bilateral and multilateral donors and recipient countries, in order to improve effectiveness of the aid granted.

This Annual Report makes a valuable contribution by providing Parliament with information as well as by raising public awareness, thus marking the standing position and decision of Greece, to provide sincere and practical assistance to those in need. I am proud indeed of this dynamic effort of our country, since via it we contribute to the improvement of living standards of our fellow-beings, who constitute the weak of this world. We ought to stand beside them.

George A. PAPANDREOU



MESSAGE
from the
Alternate Foreign Minister

As a member of the international donors' community, Greece stresses at every opportunity the need to take collective decisions and actions to confront today's multiple threats and challenges.

Poverty, armed conflicts, environmental degradation, the spread of pandemics and HIV/AIDS, mass waves of illegal migration, trafficking in narcotics and human trafficking are just a few of the cross-border threats we are facing, while the gulf between the rich and poor continues to exist.

For this reason, there is an urgent need to confront the root causes of poverty and social inequality; that is, conflicts, natural disasters, poor management of natural resources, lack of good governance, and racial and gender discrimination.

The international state of affairs requires the donors and beneficiaries of aid to work with each other, as well as with international organizations, to avoid overlapping and limit bureaucratic dysfunction. There is also a need for further coordination of development aid policies, political will and rational management of resources from all involved parties, at a time when – due to recent food and fuel crises – there are additional complications.

Whenever necessary, Greece has shown its humanitarianism and solidarity. Our goal is for Greece to play an even more active role in international actions involving the provision of development aid, with emphasis on improving the effectiveness of our activities.

We want to focus on targeted actions that will achieve optimum results. Hellenic Aid (YDAS) is a powerful development tool for consolidating Greece's presence in the world, and plays a key and pivotal role in this sector.

In this spirit, Hellenic Aid – which was created by Prime Minister George Papandreou – will continue to be present wherever there is a need, and with respect for the funding provided by the Greek people.

Dimitris DROUTSAS



FOREWORD
by the
Deputy Minister
of Foreign Affairs

A decade earlier, the year 1999, was a watershed year in the development policy of Greece. Our country became a member of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development, while during the same period HELLENIC AID was established within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since then and up to this day our country actively participates at the international effort for a more equitable and peaceful planet, through the provision of development assistance to third countries. Greece is present wherever there are needs, in the form of both development programmes and humanitarian actions, as it was proved once again, at the aftermath of the recent destructive earthquake in Haiti.

By recognizing not only the positive steps of the past, but also the deficiencies that were observed, we constantly seek to improve the quality of our activities. Within this framework, the priority of our development agenda is to raise effectiveness of granted aid. We focus on specific geographical regions and sectors, attempting to avoid fragmentation of funding, by improving co-operation relations, in order to become more effective in our work. Development policy is part of foreign policy of a country and we acknowledge the active role civil society can play as well as the Greek business world to this common process for balanced, sustainable development and poverty eradication in poor countries.

For this reason we believe that we must render civil society to assist this effort by encouraging a constructive dialogue. We want our country's human capital to participate in development activities in the field, because we believe that the Greeks can and must be present and build Greece's relations with the rest of the world. Our target is to open a stable and not an opportunistic co-operation between Greece and the least developed countries in which we are active, seeking always their sustainable development. Because we are talking about the money of the Greek taxpayer, the basic presupposition is that the whole effort will be administered under absolute transparency as regards the results of our actions and their funding.

By signing the report of the annual review of HELLENIC AID for 2008, I want to assure you that the present political hierarchy considers development policy to be a living organism that is transformed, with new ways of action and implementation which we constantly take into account. Moral principles are not transformed that will enhance development for all inhabitants of this planet via a qualitative development policy which will contribute to the improvement of the image and the recognition of our country at an international level.

Spyros KOUVELIS

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Glossary of Acronyms

AAA	Accra Agenda for Action
ACBF	African Capacity Building Foundation
AOSIS	Alliance of Small Island States
APE*	Renewable Sources of Energy
AU	African Union
BDG	Bilateral Development Group
BEURO	Billion of EURO
BSEC	Black Sea Economic Co-operation
BRIC	Brasil, Russia, India, China
BSEC	Black Sea Economic Co-operation
BSTDB	Black Sea Trade and Development Bank
BUSD	Billion of United States Dollars
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CERF	Central Emergency Response Fund
CIHEAM	International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (of the OECD)
EADRCC	Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Center
EC	European Commission – Budget: Development
ECHO	European Community Humanitarian Office
EDF	European Development Fund
EETAA*	Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government
ENP	European Neighbourhood Policy
ENPI	European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument
EOSDOS*	Inter-Ministerial Committee for the Co-ordination of International Economic Relations
EPPO	European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization
ERT*	Hellenic Radio Television
ESD*	National Action Plan
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN
FYROM	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
GAERC	General Affairs and External Relations Council
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GGPP*	General Secretariat for Civil Protection
GNI	Gross National Income
GNP	Gross National Product
GRD	Greek Drachmas
HIPC	Highly Indebted Poor Countries
HiPERB	Hellenic Plan for the Economic Reconstruction of the Balkans
HIV/AIDS	Human Immune Deficiency Virus / Auto Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HSN	Human Security Network
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross

IDA	International Development Association
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFRCRCS	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Meteorological Organisation
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
ISTA	International Seed Testing Association
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organisation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
KAPE*	Centre for Renewable Energy Sources
KGE*	Central Consultative Committee
KPA*	Employment Promotion Centre
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MEURO	Millions of EURO
MDRI	Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative
MED EUWI	Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative
MIC	Monitoring Information Center
MS	Member States
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MUSD	Millions of United States Dollars
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
NP*	Legal Body
OAED*	Manpower Employment Organisation
OAS	Organisation of American States
OCHA	Office for Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs in UN
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIF	Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie
OOF	Other Official Flows
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PPASBE*	Five Year Program of Development Co-operation and Assistance of Greece
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
TACT	Transnational Action against Child Trafficking
THB	Trafficking in Human Beings
TME*	Small Projects Fund
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNICRI	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNOCHA	United Nations Office of Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
UNPKO	United Nations Peacekeeping Operations
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency
UNVFD	United Nations Voluntary Fund of Disability
UNVFTV	United Nations Voluntary Fund Victims of Torture
USA	United States of America
USD	United States Dollars
WB	World Bank
WEDO	Women's Environment and Development Organisation
WFP	World Food Program
WHO	World Health Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
YENANP*	Ministry of Merchant Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy
YPAAT*	Ministry of Rural Development and Food
YPAKP*	Ministry of Employment and Social Protection
YPEUA*	Ministry of National Defence
YPEJ*	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
YPEPU*	Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs
YPES*	Ministry of the Interior
YPEHODE*	Ministry of the Environment Land Planning and Public Works
YPME*	Ministry of Transport and Communications
YPOIO*	Ministry of Economy and Finance
YPO*	Ministry of Culture
YPTOYRAN*	Ministry of Tourism Development
YPYGKA*	Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity

* Denotes acronym in original language

Exchange Rates Provided by the DAC

Year 1996:	1 US Dollar =	240,712 Greek Drachmas (GRD)
Year 1997:	1 US Dollar =	273,058 GRD
Year 1998:	1 US Dollar =	295,529 GRD
Year 1999:	1 US Dollar =	305,6926 GRD
Year 2000:	1 US Dollar =	365,4544 GRD
Year 2001:	1 US Dollar =	380,492 GRD
Year 2002:	1 US Dollar =	1,0611 EURO
Year 2003:	1 US Dollar =	0,8851 EURO
Year 2004:	1 US Dollar =	0,8049 EURO
Year 2005:	1 US Dollar =	0,8046 EURO
Year 2006:	1 US Dollar =	0,7967 EURO
Year 2007:	1 US Dollar =	0,7305 EURO
Year 2008:	1 US Dollar =	0,6933 EURO

Note: Small discrepancies in totals are due to rounding.



Executive Summary

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the “Annual Report of the Greek Bilateral and Multilateral Official Development Co-operation and Assistance for the year 2008” is to provide detailed public information to the interested parties and reach useful conclusions, regarding the implementation process of the Development Co-operation and Assistance Programme of Greece.

In this respect, the Report covers the following purposes:

- Firstly, to present detailed information to the Greek public on the Development Co-operation and Assistance Programme, in order for taxpayers to be aware of the way the Government is administering public funds in this sector and perceive the framework of development assistance grants, thus gaining a realistic notion in respect of expected benefits for Greece, from enhancement of its international role.
- Secondly, to provide to the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Hellenic Parliament, information and statistical data in the form of a review, as regards a key sector, such as the provision of development assistance to developing countries.
- Thirdly, to raise public awareness on achieving the “Millennium Development Goals”, promoting the role of Greece and encouraging civil society to be active and co-operate with HELLENIC AID of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in developing countries, in order to achieve sustainable development for poverty reduction.
- Finally, to update the OECD/DAC, the international co-ordinating Agency for aid, as regards Greek activities during 2008.

Submission of the Report

The Report is submitted by the Hellenic International Development Co-operation Department (YDAS – HELLENIC AID) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Inter-Ministerial Committee for the Co-ordination of International Economic Relations (EOSDOS), to the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Greek Parliament and to the Development Assistance Committee – DAC of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Paris – France.

Structure of the Report

The Report presents activities and achievements of efforts undertaken by Greek Ministries, Agencies, Legal Bodies, Universities and Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs), during the period from January to December 2008, within the framework of the Greek policy of development assistance provision to developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

The Report is structured in seven parts.

The **First Part** covers the strategic framework of Greek co-operation with the developing world and specifically the basic development policy framework, Greek participation at the

development co-operation efforts of the European Union (EU) and the DAC/OECD, efficiency and effectiveness of aid granted, as well as the aid management system, organisation and staffing.

The basic development co-operation program of Greece, as this was implemented in 2008, is examined in four chapters of the **Second Part of the Report**. Special emphasis is given to the bilateral development assistance program, by presenting the most important activities of emergency humanitarian and food aid, of development assistance and of development education, as well as the framework of co-operation with Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

The **Third Part** presents information on the composition of development aid as regards its allocation by geographical region (priority countries), by sector (priority sectors) and by type.

Four chapters in **Part Four** cover the priorities of the Greek development co-operation policy, namely, implementation of the Hellenic Plan for the Economic Reconstruction of the Balkans (HiPERB), the Greek Presidency of the Human Security Network and combating of human trafficking, Greek activities as regards climate change issues and the Greek participation at the Reconstruction Programme of Sri Lanka.

Data is provided in **Part Five** of international Official Development Assistance (ODA) flows in 2008, as well as on the bulk of Greek bilateral and multilateral development assistance that was granted to developing countries during the same year. Furthermore, International Commitments of Greece in Terms of ODA Disbursements are presented as well as targets and prospects. Furthermore, reference is made to the process of statistical reporting of aid flows by HELLENIC AID and to the Greek contribution to debt reorganization of developing countries. Finally, reference is made to technical co-operation that is granted, to the provision of tied and untied aid, as well as to procurement issues, while information is provided as regards the Special Account of Article 18 paragraph 6 of Law 2731/1999.

A number of photographs are displayed in **Part Six** presenting some of the most characteristic development assistance programmes implemented in 2008.

Finally, three chapters in **Part Seven** present in the form of Tables, Graphs and Annexes a synopsis of the years 1997-2008.