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Rapporteur

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

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Dear Rapporteur,

On behalf of the Greek Authorities, I hereby submit Greece's response to your information request, following Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 2513 (2023) and the process initiated for your Report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding regarding the extension of time, so as to provide you with a complete, cohesive and updated reply to your request given the recent legislative changes in the month of February.

Greece, as mentioned in our submission, shares the concerns of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe concerning spyware abuses. Accordingly, we have worked meticulously to conduct parliamentary as well as independent, administrative and criminal investigations and to take all necessary legislative measures to tighten the legal framework on the use of such software, prohibiting the use and trade, and taking preventive measures to inform and raise awareness in society

In our submission, we provide all the relevant information pertaining to your request, with due consideration and respect to ongoing independent criminal and administrative investigations, as well as to national security and public order.

I remain at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

Ioannis Mpougas

Deputy Minister of Justice