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**Minister of Foreign Affairs Nikos Dendias' address at the annual General Meeting of the Council on Competitiveness of Greece (24.06.2021)**

"Mr. President,

Members of the Board,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a particular pleasure and honour for me to be here with you today.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the President of the Council on Competitiveness of Greece, Mr. Simos Anastasopoulos.

We can only praise the Council on Competitiveness of Greece for the multi-faceted work it has performed in recent years serving its purpose, that is, to strengthen the competitiveness of our national economy and, consequently, the prosperity of our society.

We welcome any effort in this direction. We encourage the synergy of your actions with the competent services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in particular with the new, strengthened structures of Economic Diplomacy.

Successful exchange of business ideas, experiences and good practices has a multiplier effect on economic growth and social progress.

In this context, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supports every effort for flexibility, innovation and openness.

These actions could focus on targeting internationally identifiable services and goods. At the same time, it is considered necessary to attract quality direct foreign investment. It is also considered useful to boost the added value of Greek products.

The above are a sufficient and necessary condition for the increase of Greek exports and the strengthening of our competitiveness. The recovery of the Greek economy is based on the adoption of a productive model that will create a vigorous business environment and will lead to the growth of the country's GDP through exports, investment and entrepreneurship.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the actions economic diplomacy can contribute to the creation of a highly productive economy. Through the Export Credit Insurance Organization we have the ability to employ tools for export investment and business risk management.

In closing, I would like to assure you that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will continue to maintain open channels of communication with the business community at all times.

Thank you very much.”