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Note Verbale

The Embassy of the Hellenic Republic to Latvia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and has the honour to inform it that the Greek Government has established, the 9th of February, day of remembrance of the national the poet Dionysios Solomos (8 April 1798 - 9 February 1857), as international day of the Greek language.

Is the language in which the great philosophers, poets and writers such as Plato, Thucydides, Aeschylus, Aristophanes, Hippocrates and many others inherited their work to us. The Greek language has contributed in shaping the history of human civilization due to its richness's and spiritual strength is able to accurately reflect every meaning.

On this occasion the Embassy of Greece, in the framework of the excellent cooperation of Greece and Latvia, as reaffirmed by the Foreign Ministers of Greece & Latvia Mr Nikos Kotzias and Edwards Rinkevics respectively, during their recent meeting in Riga on 5 September 2017, wishes to express its appreciation for the constant contribution of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Riga in promoting Greek language to those students who choose it as an additional course, because apart from the beauty of the language at the same time it refers also to important elements of Greek culture such as the Athenian democracy that forms the backbone of the modern European thinking. Moreover, both the Greek and Latvian are official languages of the European Union in which both countries are members and share common values and principles.

The Greek Embassy avails itself of this opportunity in order to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Riga, 9 February 2018

To: **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

of the Republic of Latvia

In Town

