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Political Leadership of Israel congratulates Greece for the 200th Anniversary of its War of Independence

In letters to their Greek counterparts, the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of the Knesset and Foreign Minister of Israel congratulated Greece for the 200th Anniversary of its War of Independence.

Specifically, in a letter to his Greek counterpart, Katerina Sakellariopoulou, the President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, among other things says: “When we celebrate your national day, we are also celebrating the profound contribution of Greece to global values and culture. Today’s world is safer and more stable when it follows the principles of democracy. It is richer and more reasoned when it draws from the well of philosophy.”

The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, in a letter to the Greek Premier, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, among other things states that: “Since winning independence the modern Hellenic Republic has successfully established itself as a vital part both of the European and Mediterranean regions, allowing Greece to be a crucial bridge between nations while always cherishing your own unique spirit and rich heritage of which you are justifiably proud.” He adds that: “as representatives of two countries who can trace their roots back to antiquity and who share the values of democracy and freedom, I look forward to continuing to work closely to expand even further the already excellent ties of friendship between our two governments and peoples.”

The Speaker of the Knesset, Yariv Levin, in a letter to the President of the Hellenic Parliament, Konstantinos Tassoulas, said he has the honor to congratulate the Greek people on the occasion of the 200th anniversary since the Greek war of Independence. He adds that with great satisfaction “I note the excellent collaborations and special friendship our parliaments enjoy which are based on the common commitment to the values of democracy, pluralism and human rights.”

In his letter to Greek counterpart, Nikos Dendias, Israeli Foreign Minister, Gaby Askhenazi states that: “Since gaining independence Greece has faced many challenges at home and abroad and has created a free and independent society that is true to Greek values and philosophy.” He adds that: “Greek-Israeli relations constitute an important anchor of

stability of the region and to regional cooperation and are of strategic value to both our countries.”