



Mrs. Louka Katseli
Chair of the Board
National Bank of Greece
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Athens, April 21st 2016

Dear Mrs. Katseli,

I was very saddened to hear about the loss of your husband, Mr. Gerasimos Arsenis, former Minister of Finance, Minister of Defense and Minister of Education.

Israel has lost a great friend. Gerasimos Arsenis will always be remembered as a visionary and ardent supporter of stronger ties between Greece-Israel -Cyprus, long before the strategic partnership between our three states came to fruition. I am certain he was very glad to see his vision become a reality.

He was a distinguished, devoted man, who served Greece with remarkable commitment and integrity.

We share your family's grief over the loss of Mr. Gerasimos Arsenis and convey our heartfelt condolences and sympathy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Irit Ben-Abba'.

Irit Ben-Abba

Ambassador of the State of Israel