

STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GREECE MR IOANNIS AMANATIDES FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PATRIARCH THEODOROS II OF ALEXANDRIA

Following is the statement of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Ioannis Amanatides after his meeting with Patriarch Theodoros II of Alexandria :

"His Beatitude the Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa is the Hierarch of love and simplicity.

Today we had the pleasure of meeting him in his ancient See, in Alexandria, and to discuss all the issues and the needs of the Patriarchate, which in its missionary, humanitarian and educational activities, is a beacon of hope for Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

We have a common belief with His Beatitude, that Africa is the Continent of the future and in the deepening of our relations with the African countries, the Alexandrian Church offers decisive assistance and the positive presence there of its Hierarchs through the multilevel contribution of the local Metropolises.

On our part, as the Greek State, we try to stand as helpers in whichever needs the Patriarchate has, so that it may continue its great work without obstacles".