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**Honorable participants, organizers and guests of the IV International
Charity Festival of Christian Culture
“Russia - Greece. Together Through the Centuries”**

On the occasion of the holding of the IV International Charity Festival of Christian Culture “*Russia - Greece. Together Through the Centuries*”, I welcome you from the bottom of my heart.

On behalf of the leadership of the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy, I would like to highlight, that we are actively working towards the expansion of our cooperation with other states’ parliaments. We are grateful to the Hellenic Parliament for its great contribution, as well as for our joint work and support in order to realize our common activities.

The increasing of the political tensions in the world and the economic crises cannot disturb the friendship and mutual respect of the two peoples, which are united on the basis of the Orthodox faith and a history of cultural cooperation.

I express my conviction that this Festival will bring benefit to the mutual understanding of those spiritually related states and peoples. I believe, it will be a fascinating journey into the world of different cultures: from music to national cuisine.

Similar kind of festivities reflect the significance of traditional spiritual values, the importance of the charity and of feeling mercy within the pandemic, in conditions of aggressive globalization.

Through deep knowledge, pride and love emerge. To be worthy successors of the Christian ideas, as an example of which in real life was offered us by the St. Spyridon, Bishop of Trimythous, as well as by the admiral St. Theodore Ushakov.

I wish the participants, organizers and guests of the Festival, new discoveries in the benefit of our countries.

The President of the Committee.
The President of the Interparliamentary
Assembly on Orthodoxy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.A. Gavrilov', with a stylized flourish at the end.

S.A. Gavrilov