



Athens, 20 January 2022

Honourable
Ms. Roberta Metsola
President of the European Parliament

Honourable Ms. President,

On behalf of the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (I.A.O.), please accept our warmest congratulations on your election as President of the European Parliament.

We wish you every success in this high office, which inspired by the vision of the founders of the European Union, aims at a Europe of equality, democracy, freedom and prosperity for all its citizens. We trust that you share this vision of a Europe which, respects and protects the unique identities of its nations, as well as, at the same time promotes a common European identity, based on the foundations and values of our common European culture, namely the ancient Greek philosophy and literature, the Roman Law and Christianity.

Your Presidency is taking place at a critical time for the European and international state of affairs.

Mainly, the challenge of the pandemic has brought health systems to their limits, indicating the need to strengthen them, while at the same time through this challenge the potential of science in the service of humanity was attested.

However, the European future is being undermined by the revival of a cold war atmosphere that we thought was left in the past. Under these circumstances, Europe must formulate its own distinct position, which will aim at achieving peace and cooperation.

In this framework, the economic inequalities among states, the widening of social inequalities, the energy and climate crisis, but also the protection of the common European borders against those who seek to violate international law are included as well to the aforementioned challenges.

We consider it imperative that all of the above will be included in the dialogue on the Future of Europe, and to this end, we esteem that the dedicated time should be further extended.

For further information, attached please find the I.A.O.'s conclusions and proposals for the dialogue on the Future of Europe. We anticipate a fruitful cooperation with you as well as the opportunity to have a meeting with you.

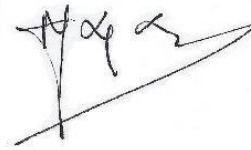
Please accept Ms. President, the assurance of our highest consideration,

The President of the General Assembly
of the I.A.O.

The I.A.O. Secretary General



Sergei Gavrilov
Member of the Russian State Duma



Dr. Maximos Charakopoulos
Member of the Hellenic Parliament