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Dimitris Xynomilakis, President
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Your ref: 64854 A

Dear President,

The International Union of Architects (UIA) takes note, with concern, of the issues you have justifiably identified with respect to a decree that would entitle persons who are not educated or trained as architects to complete work that must be the province solely of persons who are duly qualified as architects.

As specified in multiple directives issued by the European Union, and as embodied in professional licensing laws throughout the world, architecture is a clearly defined profession, separate and distinct from engineering and other disciplines, and is subject to unique, well established qualifications. Please consider this excerpt from the ***UIA Accord on Recommended International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice***, adopted by the UIA General Assembly and widely regarded as definitive policy:

The designation "architect" is generally reserved by law or custom to a person who is professionally and academically qualified and generally registered/licensed/certified to practice architecture in the jurisdiction in which he or she practices and is responsible for advocating the fair and sustainable development, welfare, and the cultural expression of society's habitat in terms of space, forms, and historical context.

Please bring this UIA policy to the attention of the relevant authorities. We extend unqualified support to your efforts to preserve and protect the public interest by ensuring that only those who are qualified to do so are permitted to practice architecture, with the requisite education, training and background in matters affecting cultural heritage, aesthetic quality, and fitness for functional purpose.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'THOMAS VONIER', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas Vonier FAIA RIBA
President

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