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Dear President, Dear Mr Xynomilakis,

Following a request of endorsement, I am writing to express the strong support of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) for the action of the Greek Association of Architects (SADAS-PEA) which aims to secure the annulment of the new Presidential decree No 99/2018 entitled "Legislation of the profession of Engineer with the determination of professional rights for each specialty" (Government Gazette A 187/5.11.2018), to be enacted on 4 October 2019.

With this new Presidential decree, the architectural profession would be almost annihilated as it would lead to the acceptance that Architecture may be practiced by other Engineering specialties that do not have the relevant educational and scientific knowledge. Indeed, this precondition for architectural practice, is clearly expressed in the articles of the Greek Constitution and the EU Directives (2005/36/EC, 2013/55/EU and 2018/958/EU).

Therefore, this new Presidential decree would directly affect both the public interest and the quality of Architecture.

The ACE supports the Greek Association of Architects (SADAS-PEA) in its effort to ensure that architectural design and practice remains in the hands of architects, and thus to protect the urban and natural environment, the cultural heritage of Greece and to minimise the worst effects of Climate Change.

Yours sincerely,

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