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**TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC**

Lisbon, 25 March 2021

Dear Madam President,

On the occasion of the national day of the Hellenic Republic, it is with great pleasure that I send Your Excellency, on behalf of the Portuguese people and myself, sincere and warm congratulations and wishes of progress and prosperity to the Greek people.

On this very special date, which marks the bicentenary of the Independence of the Hellenic Republic, a country where active citizenship is consolidated day by day, sustained by a free press and enlightened public opinion, it is with particular pleasure that I reiterate to Your Excellency my commitment to developing and deepening the ties of friendship and cooperation between our two countries in all their dimensions, in the confident knowledge of their benefits to both peoples.

In this regard, I would like to emphasise the importance of Europe's values and principles, of which Portugal and Greece are firm and active defenders. I am confident that they will remain so, and will continue to fight for their harmonious development through the respect for solidarity, convergence, cohesion and resilience. This purpose is all the more important now that we are confronted with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which involves us all and demands of us a common, united and concerted response.

I am also convinced that we will continue to uphold and promote the principles that unite us in the Euro-Atlantic and international contexts, namely multilateralism, human rights, and dialogue and cooperation.

In reiterating my sincere congratulations, I ask you to accept, Madam President, my cordial wishes for the well-being of all Greeks, and the assurances of my friendship and my highest consideration and esteem.

Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
President of the Portuguese Republic

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