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**The President of the Federation of European National Statistical Societies**

**The Presidents of the European National Statistical Societies** who have signed the 20 October 2017 letter to Greece's Prime Minister

2 November, 2017

**Regarding your letter to Greece's PM**

Dear colleagues:

We are sad to read your 20 October 2017 letter to our PM. We are sad because you have signed the long-standing Eurostat narratives without having examined the facts behind their story and the story behind the numbers engineered by the former chairperson (or former president) of ELSTAT, Mr. Andreas Georgiou, in collaboration with Eurostat and its Permanent Resident Representative in ELSTAT, Mr. Halgrimur Snorrason. We write this in our capacity as former official statisticians chosen by the Greek state, after an open public call, and appointed by the Hellenic Parliament<sup>1</sup> to the 7-Member Board of Governors of the Hellenic Statistics Authority (ELSTAT).

In the light of all these repeated communications<sup>2</sup> (that have in fact politicized a statistical issue which under Eurostat's responsibility became a criminal one) apparently emanating from Luxemburg and Brussels, we write requesting you to keep an open mind allowing our honest professional opinion to be heard; you have clearly not checked the veracity of the Brussels' claims against the statistical evidence presented in court which contradicts Eurostat's story. It is also ironical that the letters of Fenstats, ASA's and ISIS's come from institutions purporting to maintain Academic integrity. It is really disappointing that you have signed a letter which is at odds with statistical ethics (e.g. impartiality) and democratic principles since we were not asked to put our case against Mr. Georgiou's and Eurostat's story as we were his colleagues in the Statistical Board.

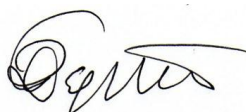
There is no intention to be punitive to Mr. Georgiou, only to see that the injustice done to our country is remedied as soon as possible. Besides, the continuous plea for immunity implies that Eurostat cannot win the case against Mr. Georgiou's culpability while it is likely such narratives to become a laughing stock.

We hope you share with us the conviction that the best interests of impartial research are served by hearing all sides of a dispute before arriving at an opinion.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> After having been subjected to a public high level scrutiny of our statistical and professional qualifications (See our CV's: [Nickolas Logothetis](#) and [Zoe Georganta](#) )

<sup>2</sup> See [our recent response to ASA's letter](#) to our PM. We would urge you to read also the appendix of our response to ASA's letter.