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Plenary Discussion about Rule of Law in Greece following the Court Decision on the
Predator spyware

Dear Friends,

I am contacting you ahead of Wednesday's debate in the plenary of the European Parliament on the state of the Rule of Law in Greece, following the Court's decision concerning the Predator spyware.

This decision marks another milestone in a process that began in July 2022, when, after a routine technical check by the services of the European Parliament, it was discovered that an attempt had been made to infect my mobile phone with the Predator spyware. From the very first moment, I launched a legal and political struggle to uncover and punish those responsible.

In this struggle, I have been fortunate to have all of you standing by my side from the very beginning. Despite the efforts of the Government and the EPP to portray this case as something ordinary, or through defamation to present themselves as the victims, the S&D Group never stopped fighting for uncovering the truth during the work of the PEGA Committee of Inquiry, or by condemning and pointing the finger to the many attempts by the Greek government to cover up the case.

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A government who still refuses to implement the decision of the Council of State, which requires the National Intelligence Service (EYP) to officially and in writing inform me of the true reasons for my illegal surveillance.

A government that, through the leadership of the judiciary appointed by it, classified the Predator scandal as a misdemeanour and absolved the National Intelligence Service of any responsibility for the illegal surveillance.

A government that instrumentalised the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry in order to further obscure the case instead of helping uncover those responsible for a deep-state network of illegal wiretapping.

For your better understanding, allow me to briefly outline the broader context.

The criminal investigation began in 2022, following the complaint that I filed after receiving the results from the European Parliament’s competent authorities.

This caused the uncovering of an extensive network of illegal surveillance involving both the Predator malware and conventional methods linked to the National Intelligence Service. Targets of the surveillance included journalists, ministers, opposition figures—most prominently myself—as well as the Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff and other officials.

At a critical stage of the investigation, just before the two prosecutors handling the case were due to summon identified suspects to testify, the case was removed from them and reassigned, by decision of the Prosecutor of the Supreme Court, to a Deputy Prosecutor of the Supreme Court, due to its “importance”.

Following this reassignment, the momentum of the investigation effectively stalled and efforts to cover up the case intensified. The Deputy Prosecutor of the Supreme Court cleared the National Intelligence Service of any possible responsibility, blocking any further investigation, and classified the offences as misdemeanours, despite the serious institutional and national security implications arising from the surveillance of senior state officials.

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Nevertheless, despite the institutional obstacles, the Prosecutor and the Judge of the Single-Member Misdemeanor Court managed to bring crucial elements to light, including:

the establishment of a connection between Predator and the National Intelligence Service;

the expansion of the investigation to additional suspects and offences, including espionage and the alleged illegal export of the spyware to Sudan and other third countries;

indications of possible witness tampering and coordination during the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry by the governing conservative party, New Democracy.

These developments highlight the lack of independence at the leadership of the Supreme Court, which attempted to close the investigation and cover up the responsibilities of the government.

It should also be noted that dozens of victims of the illegal surveillance — ministers and government officials — although they had a political and institutional duty to act as complainants and witnesses, chose silence and contributed to the cover-up.

The struggle will continue until all those responsible for this dark affair are held accountable. I have already lodged an application before the European Court of Human Rights, concerning the refusal of the National Intelligence Service — and of the Prime Minister himself, who is its political supervisor — to comply with the decision of the Council of State.

In this struggle, which aims to restore the rule of law and democratic institutions in Greece, I know that I will have you as allies.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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