## THE GREEK MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Tuesday morning, 5/18 May 2021, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Mr Nikolaos Dendias visited the Patriarchate, accompanied by the Ambassador of Greece in Israel Mr Panayiotis Sarris and the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

His Excellency the Minister Mr Dedias was warmly received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers, who thanked him for the honour of the visit.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed the vivid interest of Homeland Greece, the Greek Government and of himself personally for the Patriarchate, saying that "the Patriarchate is of the highest priority". The Minister was informed by His Beatitude on the pastoral, charitable, conciliating and peacekeeping mission of the Patriarchate, especially amidst the one-year-long covid-19 pandemic and the intensity of the war conflict between Israel and Gaza.

His Beatitude wished the Minister the best outcome of the purpose of his visit and the help of the Risen Christ for the fulfilment of his mission.

From Secretariat-General