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Dear Spyridoula,

We would like to thank you for all of your support and also for the intention of clarifying some statements that have been attributed to the head of the Romanian firefighter's team, who is in Greece these days, in a mission under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism in providing assistance for fighting against forest fires.

We are strongly fighting against such fake news, which are unrelated to reality and we assure you that all the Romanian Mass Media messages are highlighting the exceptional cooperation between the Romanian and Greek firefighters in their struggle to resolve the current situation in Greece, along with all the other supporting countries.

As a result of the discussions that I have had with the head of the Romanian firefighters team, there was neither any statement regarding the way the Greek firefighters could have prevented such disaster, nor any discussions about the eventual reports to be filed and addressed to the UN and the European Natura organization, since our team was deployed under Union Civil Protection Mechanism and there are no reporting lines to the mentioned organizations and no intention to do such a thing.

The mission of our colleagues is a clear one, namely to support the efforts of the local authorities in order to mitigate the negative impact of the forest fires and not to make assessments like the ones appeared in the article that you are referring to.

We assure you, once again, of the very good cooperation with the Hellenic Republic on all the bearings concerned to the management of the emergency situations and also of our whole support in these extreme situations that we are all confronted with and we are impressed about the professionalism and dedication of the Greek firefighters, also from all supporting countries in this great endeavor of saving lives and property.

To

**Ms. Spyridoula MARKOU
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We would also like to express our gratitude for the good cooperation, collaboration and the entire support from the Greek authorities in this common fight.

Moreover, these aspects have also been clarified with Mr. Nikos CHARDALIAS, the Deputy Minister of Civil Protection and Crisis Management and also with Mr. Vasileios PAPAGEORGIU, the Secretary General for Civil Protection.

All the best,

**SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dr. Raed ARAFAT

