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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Constantine,

Thank you for your letter of 31 March about Greek accession to the WEU. Please forgive me for not replying earlier. I know that David Miers has in the meantime spoken to your officials.

Like you, I look forward to Greek accession to the WEU within the timeframe discussed at Maastricht. The WEU is working hard, with our full support, to agree enlargement proposals which will offer you full membership on the same basis as existing members, and at the same time give a clear and separate status as associate members to other European members of the Atlantic Alliance who are not part of the European Community. We are very much aware of the Greek positions on both the Brussels Treaty and the idea that the WEU is the defence component of the Union. In the discussions now taking place we are taking full account of Greek concerns, and are working for the best possible package.

It will be for the candidate countries to make their own decisions on whether to accept membership of, or association with, the WEU on the basis which we hope shortly to put forward. But I hope very much that all will find the WEU's proposals acceptable.

Yours Ever, *John*

His Excellency Mr Constantin Mitsotakis

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