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OFFICIAL VISIT OF H.E. MR. GEORGE ALOGOSKOUFIS, MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE OF GREECE TO INDIA (7-11 FEBRUARY 2007)

INDIA-GREECE BUSINESS FORUM 8 FEBRUARY 2007

H.E. Mr. George Alogoskoufis, Minister of Economy and Finance of Greece will be on an official visit to India from 7-12 February 2007. Minister Alogoskoufis will be accompanied by a Business delegation from Greece comprising of 48 CEOs/ Heads of large Business Houses and journalists.

During Minister Alogoskoufis visit to India, he will have a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. P. Chidambaram, Minister of Finance and will meet H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of External Affairs, and H.E. Mr. Kamal Nath, Minister of Commerce & Industry. The visit is considered of significant importance for the Greek side in view of the talks on Indo-Greek bilateral economic relations with the Indian leadership leading to an upgrading of bilateral economic ties.

An India-Greece Business Forum organized by FICCI with the co-operation of the Embassy of Greece in New Delhi will be inaugurated by Minister Alogoskoufis and H.E. Mr. Anand Sharma, Minister of State for External Affairs on 8 February 2007 at the Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi, at 12 noon.

Attributing high importance to the bilateral relations of the two countries, leading Greek companies of the sectors of Food and Beverage, Cosmetics and Pharmaceuticals, Textiles and garments, IT and Communications, Construction materials etc, will be meeting their Indian counterparts in a series of business appointments, with the prospects of reinforcing communication and opening up the way for future business agreements and establishing the grounds for long-term cooperation between the Greek and the Indian industries.

The Minister of Economy and Finance will also address a Press Conference on conclusion of his official visit on 9 February 2007 at Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi, at 3p.m.