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Dear Sirs,

As you are aware, India and Greece, the two ancient countries of the world, have had relations for many centuries and, of late, these relations have been developing steadily in various fields, including cultural, political and economic. President Karamanlis visited India in 1982, followed by the visit of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1983. Prime Minister Papandreou paid a State Visit to India in January 1986, and the President of India was in Greece recently in November 1986. During all these high level visits, the determination of the two countries to broaden and strengthen the economic content of our bilateral relations was reiterated. The Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation was signed in September 1983 during the visit of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to Greece. The first formal meeting of the Indo-Greek Joint Committee was also held recently in September/October 1986. This Committee has identified many possible areas of economic cooperation for mutual benefits of the two countries.

In order to translate the various ideas into practice, it would be useful to have an Hellenic-Indian Chamber of Commerce, comprising of businessmen and industrialists who are actively interested in economic and commercial exchanges between Greece and India. The Embassy, therefore, proposes to organise a get-to-gether in order to launch such an organisation. In this connection, we shall be grateful if you could let us know whether you would like to be associated with the setting up of the Hellenic-Indian Chamber of Commerce. We would also appreciate any other suggestions you may have in this regard.

As early response will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

BPagamas (B.P. Agarwal)