

*José Manuel Barroso*  
*President of the European Commission*

Brussels,

Dear Prime Minister, *Dear Lucas,*

*A new programme for Greece has been agreed, a decision that we have all worked for and can now welcome. I am proud of the role the Commission has played, together with our partners, in reaching this conclusion. I would also like to praise the way in which the Greek authorities and the Greek parliament have worked with us to find solutions to secure the country's future. As you know, it is my conviction that vigorous implementation of cohesion policy in Greece could serve as a very useful complement to the Memorandum of Understanding. I believe you share my view that the rapid and effective use of EU funds could, inter alia, have a positive effect on the level of economic activity in Greece. As you know I am keen to do everything possible to help the Greek authorities deliver this result.*

*To follow up on our very useful phone call on Sunday 19 February I would like to invite you to a meeting in Brussels on Wednesday 29 February between 15.00 and 17.00. I would invite several Members of the European Commission to participate in our meeting – for example Vice President Rehn, Mr Hahn, Commissioner for Regional policy, Mr Andor, Commissioner for Employment and Social affairs, Mr Lewandowski, Commissioner for the Budget, together with a number of senior officials who are working closely on different aspects of our support to Greece. You would be welcome to be accompanied by either Ministers or officials or both as you think best.*

*I attach a proposed agenda for our meeting and I would be pleased to add any other items that you would wish to discuss during our meeting.*

*I hope that these arrangements will be convenient for you and I look forward to welcoming you to the Berlaymont again on Wednesday.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a long horizontal line that curves upwards at the end.

*José Manuel BARROSO*

*His Excellency Mr Lucas Papademos*  
*Prime Minister*  
*Greece*

***Agenda for working meeting between President Barroso and Members of the European Commission with Prime Minister Papademos***

- 1. Discussion on immediate action to mobilise Greek growth potential, including implementation of Structural Funds in Greece (in particular highway concessions, SME finance). Completion of projects from 2000-2006 period. Discussion on how to harness structural funds to directly support implementation of the EU/ECB/IMF programme (e.g. privatisation). Strengthening administrative capacity to absorb EU funding.*
- 2. Review of action team mission to Athens on 27 February and follow up.*
- 3. Any other business.*