



AMERICAN-HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Athens, July 22, 2009

Mr. Graciela Chichilnisky
Professor
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Dear Mrs. Chichilnisky,

The American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, one of the most dynamic American Chambers in Europe, is especially pleased to announce the organization of
“The Greek Economy Conference”
to be held on November 30 and December 1, 2009 at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel in Athens Greece.

In the following short profile of our chamber, you can see its successful course over the last years: *The American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, is a non-profit, self-supporting organization, and was established in 1932 to promote economic and business relations between the United States and Greece. With a corporate membership today of some 1.000 U.S. companies operating in Greece and Greek companies doing business with the U.S., it continues to encourage and facilitate trade, investments and professional partnerships from both sides of the Atlantic. Additionally, the Chamber is a fully accredited member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., and affiliated with the European Council of American Chambers of Commerce (ECACC). The Chamber is among the most active business organizations in Europe, with activities that include: Major international conferences addressed by Greek and foreign dignitaries, seminars in cooperation with prominent Ivy League Universities of the USA, luncheons, dinners and breakfast meetings to honour Greek business and political leaders and distinguished international guests; the latter in recent years included the then President George Bush, the then First Lady of the USA Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Former President of the Russian Federation Mikhail Gorbachev, and the Former President of the United States Bill Clinton, business delegations to and from the United States. In addition, the Chamber publishes an annual Business Directory and a bi-monthly magazine, the Business Partner.*

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Greek Economy Conference which has become a major leading and most successful conference not only in Greece but also in the larger region of Southeast Europe.

This year's conference will focus on the global economic developments in the middle of the current economic crisis. Among the topics that will be discussed are the prospects of the local and the global economy, emerging business opportunities, perspectives and efficiency of the stimulus economic plans from the central governments. Moreover, there will be discussions on the latest developments in the sectors of energy, telecommunication, shipping, tourism and real estate.

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As per every year, the Prime Minister of Greece Kostas Karamanlis as well the Leader of the Opposition party George Papandreou will participate in the conference with a speech during the official dinners. Furthermore, prominent speakers such as high-level governmental and business representatives from Greece and abroad will address the conference.

The Executive Committee of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce has the honor to invite you to address the conference as major keynote speaker. Your great reputed Knowledge and experience on economic issues will enlighten our conference delegates especially in this turbulent time that we are living. It will be a great honor for our Chamber and for the Greek financial community your participation in this high level conference.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and arrange all necessary logistics for your comfortable travel and accommodation in our beautiful Athens.

Sincerely,



Elias Spirtounias
Executive Director