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PRESS RELEASE

**11th Meeting & General Assembly
of the Association of the Mediterranean Ombudsmen
Nafplion, Greece**

The Greek Ombudsman and President of the Association of the Mediterranean Ombudsmen (AOM), Andreas Pottakis is organizing the 11th Meeting and General Assembly of AOM on the 4th and 5th of October 2021 in the city of Nafplion.

H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Katerina N. Sakellaropoulou, will address the AOM members at a welcoming reception, hosted at the Palamidi Castle by the Municipality of Nafplion, on Monday the 4th of October at 18:00.

The proceedings of the 11th Session of the members AOM will be hosted in the historic "Vouleftikon", where the first Parliament of the Greek state operated.

On the 4th of October, the members of the Association will participate at the conference "Mediterranean: from the Sea that separates us, to the Sea that unites us". The discussion will focus on three sub-sessions: (a) "People on the move and human rights", (b) "Mediterranean energy sources: sustainability and fair use, meeting our needs" and (c) "Climate change and natural disasters".

On the 5th of October, the AOM General Assembly is expected to adopt the Nafplion Declaration, discuss and vote on the proposal for a new Charter of the Union, including the renewal of the term of office of the President and the Steering Committee of the Association, and welcome its two new members, the counterpart institutions from Ukraine and Russia.

The Association of the Mediterranean Ombudsmen (AOM) was founded in 2008. Its members are ombudsmen or similar institutions from the wider Mediterranean basin.

The Association's mission is to defend human rights, develop cooperation and exchange good practice between counterpart institutions. The common goal of its members is to promote the principles of the rule of law and to raise the awareness of the citizens of the Mediterranean regarding their rights and obligations, with the aim of creating and consolidating conditions of freedom, justice and equality for the peoples of the Mediterranean.

The two-day program is attached in detail.

You can watch the proceedings of the Summit from the following links:

- **youtube:** www.youtube.com/channel/UC0BSIPgvmx0WwmhI5_As_ww
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