



PROTOCOL OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF ATHENS AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Mayor of Athens, Dimitris I. Avramopoulos and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Anthony A. Williams,

- Guided by the traditional links of friendship between Greece and the United States of America and their respective capitals, Athens and Washington, D.C.,
- Desiring to develop collaboration between the two capital cities in the economic, social, and cultural spheres,
- Convinced that the consolidation of friendship and cooperation between the two cities will contribute to the broadening of friendly relations between their peoples, as well as between the countries of Greece and the United States of America,
- Convinced that cities today constitute a vital factor in the decision making process in the sphere of international relations,
- Convinced that the Diplomacy of cities is the challenge for the new, globalized world, a chance to take from all the actors and decision makers in international relations, a chance for achieving just and lasting peaceful solutions,

Hereby agree to the following:

Article 1

The two cities will endeavor to develop further friendly relations with a view to promoting mutually beneficial cooperation in all sectors that today interest the citizens of Athens and Washington, D.C.

Article 2

The two cities will endeavor to exchange information and share experience in the following fields of city administration and municipal management: General administration, municipal services, vocational training and personnel management of enterprises, cultural activities and tourism, youth and sports, environmental protection, social welfare and other fields of mutual interest.

Article 3

The two cities will give support to business representatives in their commercial and business dealings in Athens and Washington, D.C., with a view to developing business and commercial collaboration, and will offer their services and expertise to entrepreneurs in both cities and countries.

Article 4

The two cities will foster and develop collaboration on the basis of more specific programs to be agreed upon and drawn up for their mutual benefit.

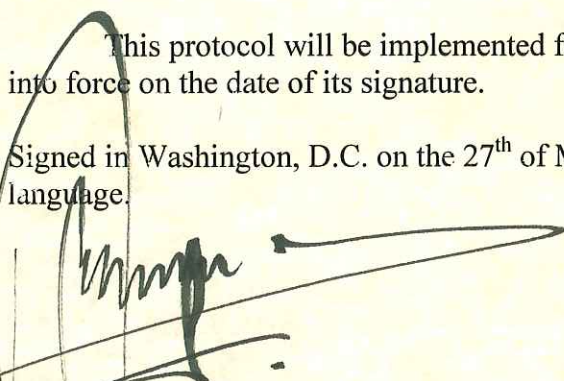
Article 5

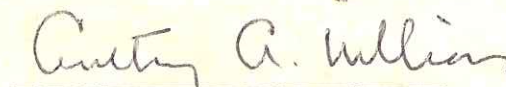
The two cities voice their desire to contribute, through the encouragement of cooperation and friendly municipal relations between them, to securing and maintaining peace and cooperation in Europe.

Article 6

This protocol will be implemented for an indefinite period of time and will come into force on the date of its signature.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on the 27th of March, 2000, in two copies, in the English language.


Dimitris L. Avramopoulos
Mayor of Athens


Anthony A. Williams
Mayor of the District of Columbia

