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Dear Andreas,

This is to thank you personally and most sincerely for the outstanding 3rd Stavros Niarchos Foundation Conference on PHILANTHROPY that we were privileged to attend. The Conference had all the elements of vision, motivation and courage that characterize the Foundation, together with a high degree of originality and innovation that you would not find anywhere else. All this without the fanfare and self-promotion that usually accompany such events and even without a lot of ministers making inane speeches, with the exception of Olga Kefalogianni who was exceptionally good!

There were some truly memorable presentations (I don't think anyone will forget Jimmy Nelson) and the whole concept, organization and delivery of the Conference created a vibrant, friendly atmosphere, which sustained the audience's interest and participation. You should be proud.

I particularly want to thank you on behalf of us all, for inviting our Tuesday Drama Group to perform at the Conference. I do not need to tell you what it meant to our children, staff and volunteers to perform before such a distinguished audience and I meant what I said that this was our way of expressing our gratitude for all the assistance we have received from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation over the years.

You are heading a genuinely philanthropic organization and with a great team of dedicated young people you are setting an example of high standards of solidarity, that other foundations should follow. As Jennifer McCrea expressed so well in her closing keynote speech, when philanthropy and the welfare sector meet in an equal partnership the goal is reached. This is what we have always felt in our long association with the Stavros Niarchos Foundation and it is this partnership that we hope to confirm and retain in these hard times by always being worthy of your confidence and support.

Please come and visit us some time at the Open Door Centre. I believe you would not be disappointed.

Wishing you every success, dear Andreas, I thank you once again for everything you have done and are doing to help this country and by extension all of us, who are trying to do good work.

With friendly regards,



Daphne Economou
President