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Your All-Holiness, Archbishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarchate, Batholomew:

This special time of Holy Week as also this special day of the 126 Boston Marathon, that pays homage to our history of freedom fighters=Hellenes, I am expressing the obvious and seeking your benevolent action of showing to the World that the Patriarchate is Ecumenical and in sync with its people.

The excommunications «αφορισμοι» of the Leaders and followers of the Hellenic Revolution of 1821 is today, **Anachronistic, Outdated, Meaningless in Essence and Harmful for the Advancement of the Church.** We cannot talk about the great reset only in economic terms, we must have the great reset for purposes or ETHNIC RECONCILIATION «Εθνική Συμφιλίωση». The Church must synchronize itself with the reality that the Heroes of 1821, the Greek Revolution, as represented via Theodore Kolokotronis, Bouboulina and all the Hellenic Population in the diaspora were Excommunicated and remain as such by the official Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, even though at the end they succeeded to free the Hellenic spirit and body. We understand that this excommunication was done during the Ottoman Empire when the Church of Constantinople had a special relationship with the Sultan. Today, we live in a World of advocacy of freedom of religion and advocacy of fundamental human rights.

Therefore, we ask for the simplest act. The reversal of said excommunication now after 200 years in that it is proper, and justice is never late. As a Hellenic diaspora, diverse, yet fundamentally loyal to the Archbishop of Constantinople, the Hellenic diaspora is at its

crossroads seeking as Miki's Theodorakis expressed so eloquently ΤΗΣ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣΥΝΗΣ ΗΛΙΕ ΝΟΗΤΕ at all levels.

The diaspora despite its historical ties to Anatolia and Asia Minor, the Caucasus Mountains and so many other areas, won its right of self-determination and preservation and limited statehood considering most of the Hellenic diaspora lived then and still remains outside the boundaries of the modern Greek state.

It is a **sacrilege and blasphemous** to continue not having the Hellenic revolutionary leaders reinstated formally by our Church. Today's realities mandate such action forthwith and would be deemed an act worthy of appreciation and reaffirmation that Hellenes worldwide would deem dignifying the stature and institution of our Church. **To not do so creates the great divide and anathema of our people.**

Your All Holiness, I humbly request on behalf of All that have come, before us, present, and after us that you meditate, pray and act in good conscious. This is not an attack on modern Turkey, it is religious redemption at the least. In fact, such a reversal taken by the Phanar could help Turkey when so many institutions question its commitment to religious freedoms and matters of human rights. What better way to show that the modern state of Turkey does not inhibit the Phanar by your Holy See reversing the excommunication now.

All have an alienable right to freedom and development without the acts of excommunications of the past remaining formally and historically active over the heads of those individuals and their progeny as Damocles' swords.

Respectfully,

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