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The Honourable Leo Housakos
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March 30th, 2023

Professor, Theodore Mallias
President
Association of Fine Arts of Patras "Kostis Palamas"

Subject: Support for the promotion of the "Olympic Anthem" as World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO

Dear Dr. Mallias,

The Olympic anthem, written by the Greek eminent poet Kostis Palamas, was played by a large Orchestra of 200 musicians and Singers, at the opening ceremony of the 1896 Olympics in Athens.

The impressive performance, by so many musicians, move the spectators and helped to establish the Anthem.

Half a century later, in 1958, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), meeting in Tokyo, adopted the composition of the official anthem for the games.

The Association of Fine Arts "Kostis Palamas" of Patras, the birthplace of the poet, strives to promote the Olympic Anthem, to be established, as a World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO.

As a current Senator and former Speaker of the Senate of Canada, I fully support your excellent and patriotic effort, for the promotion by UNESCO, of this timeless Olympic Anthem, as a World Cultural Heritage, an act owed by the Civilization of Mankind, for the cultivation and formation of the "harmonious in body and spirit" citizens of Plato.

This is the least that the World community owes to the Olympic idea to Greece.

I wish your efforts be materialized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "L. Housakos".

The Honourable Leo Housakos