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Dear Members of the EAP in Greece,

We have been following reports about the situation in Greece. On behalf of the EAP Governing Board, we would like to confirm that the EAP is supporting the Greek National Accrediting Organisation NOPG (Εθνική Εταιρεία Ψυχοθεραπείας Ελλάδος) in their efforts to resolve this situation. We also confirm that the EAP unreservedly supports the work of the EAP Accredited Training Institutes (EAPTIs) in Greece.

We quite concerned about inflammatory public statements we have seen, and reported actions, some of which appear to violate the founding principles and aims of the EAP, or transgress the Strasbourg Declaration.

We have now received multiple reports about how this current crisis situation effects the welfare of psychotherapy students and a letter has been sent to students last week, aiming to re-affirm the EAP support for the EAP accredited training programmes. The ECP psychotherapy standard represents a European "gold standard", a standard that has become widely accepted and integrated into various national standards, within the European Union and across Europe. In some cases, national regulatory documents already reference the "ECP" explicitly as an entry point for migrating psychotherapists to qualify for, and join a national psychotherapist register.

As you will be aware, the EAP is working with the European Commission, and with national Governments, to establish the ECP standard and the ECP European Qualification across all of the European Union. We hope we will meet with Greek Government officials later this year to support the work of our colleagues in the NOPG, and to help clarify the nature and depth of the ECP standard, a standard that exists to promote high quality psychotherapy provisions for the public, and to address any public safety concerns.

With warm wishes

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