

Sarajevo, 2 September, 1998

Mr Alexandros Baltas

Deputy Minister of National Economy
Athens
Greece

Dear Mr Minister,

Today and yesterday, here in Sarajevo, we have participated in an extremely useful and important seminar, together with our Greek friends from the bank workers' trade union OTOE.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the finance system is facing great changes as part of the simultaneous war reconstruction and economic transition processes. We expect that the privatisation of the finance industry, which is expected to take place in the near future, will pose serious employment and social challenges for bank workers in both entities of this country. This seminar that has been made possible by the government of Greece and the colleagues from OTOE has made us better equipped to protect the interests of our members in this process.

The seminar also gave us the opportunity to decide on establishing a new Financial Workers' Co-ordinating Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which joins together the workers in our sectors from both entities and all parts of this country.

On behalf of our organisations, we wish to express our deep appreciation to the Greek government and personally to you, Mr Minister, for the solidarity and support that you have expressed by making our seminar possible. We hope that through our future work, we will be able to show this appreciation also in practice.

Sincerely Yours,

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