



**Fwd: Press release for Greek translation**

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Angela, Here is the press release to translate. George Melikokis the first press release he already translated and sent to the New York Greek Media is sufficient.

I would still like to have this message in Greek. Feel free to tell me if you think there is anything that should be taken out or added in.

Thank you, Marainne

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**J-1 VISAS for Greek Exchange Teachers Paid by the Greek Government**

As announced in mid-March 2010, the Cordell Hull Foundation (CHF) was able to obtain permission from the State Department to extend the term of Greek teachers in J-1 visa status to five years through an inter-departmental meeting without any political intervention whatsoever. No outside parties, groups or individuals were involved in the meeting, though for the past several months, several efforts have been made by the Greek community to meet with Congresswomen and Senators to discuss how Greek teachers could work in J-1 visa status in afternoon, church, weekend, kindergarten and adult schools.

Chris Palaidis, Director of the St. Nicholas Greek School in Florida wrote a letter to the Department of State in December 2010 to request expansion for his church school, where he volunteers his time, to qualify for Greek government-paid teachers. He mentioned the Cordell Hull Foundation in his letter and shared the State Department response with CHF.

The Cordell Hull Foundation then gathered some documentation and scheduled a private meeting with the State Department in mid-March, during which the 5-year term was granted. CHF also asked for approval of J-1 visas for Greek teachers in church or secular Greek language and culture schools, which was denied. For further information on the details, please contact Marianne Mason, Cordell Hull Foundation: 212-300-2138 or [cordellhull@aol.com](mailto:cordellhull@aol.com).

In October, 2009, the Cordell Hull Foundation attended a luncheon sponsored by Stella Kokolis in the Rayburn Building in Washington, DC to present a J-1 visa briefing. Some Congressional staff attended the CHF visa briefing along with other members of the Greek community, but no

action was taken to contact the State Department until CHF did so in March. Neither Stella Kokolis nor any of her luncheon invitees (with the sole exception of CHF) had anything to do with obtaining the 5-year J-1 visa term.

Chris Palaidis, head of St. Nicholas School in Florida, wrote an effective letter in December 2010 to the State Department that he shared with CHF. He was not part of the October luncheon group in DC. He decided independently to write the letter.

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