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To:

The Director General of Deutsche Welle, Ms. Barbara Massing,
The Members of the Committees (Gremien) of Deutsche Welle

Subject: Request for the continuation of the Greek Programme of Deutsche Welle

*Dear Director General Massing,
Dear Members of the Committees,*

The Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece (K.I.S.E.), the supreme coordinating body of the Jewish Communities in Greece representing Greek Jewry, addresses this letter to you to express its deep concern regarding the upcoming suspension of the Greek Programme of Deutsche Welle on 31.12.2026. We wish to join our voice with the Jewish Communities of Athens and Thessaloniki, which have already sent you relevant letters, while similar measures have also been approved by the municipalities of Larissa and Volos.

For decades, Deutsche Welle's Greek Service has consistently and continuously provided invaluable work in the field of historical memory and Holocaust remembrance in Greece and Germany as the only German media outlet broadcasting in Greek in the southeastern Mediterranean region. For our Community in particular, its contribution is exemplary, as it stands out for its objective, accurate, and unbiased coverage of issues concerning Judaism, making a substantial contribution to press freedom and the fight against anti-Semitism —not only through traditional media but now also via social media, where polarization is on the rise. Among other things, Deutsche Welle's Greek Program consistently gives a voice to victims and descendants of Holocaust victims in Greece, having recorded valuable testimonies from the last survivors, unknown aspects of Nazi atrocities in Greece, stories from the extermination camps, with missions to Auschwitz and other sites of martyrdom, tracing the history and journey of Greece's Jews over all these decades: with reports and interviews that keep historical memory alive to this day, at a time when it is more necessary than ever before.

Despite the historically difficult past between our two countries, your programme has functioned as a true bridge of communication, mutual understanding, and friendship. We have been informed that its operating

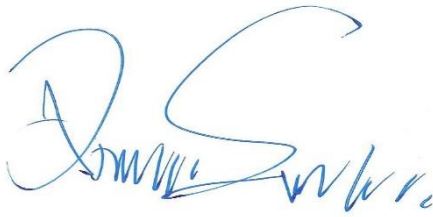
budget amounts to just 700.000 euros. We firmly believe that this budget should not jeopardize an intellectual and social edifice between the Jews of Greece and Germany, which was built with such great effort and mutual dedication.

We earnestly request that you and the respective committees reconsider your decision and keep this historic voice of information and democracy alive.

Sincerely,

The President

The Secretary General



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