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Please find enclosed the following to be tabled in the Legislative Council.

- Response to Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No.3 Report into the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010

Yours Faithfully

(John Hatzistergos)

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Recommendation 1

That the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010 not proceed.

Response: The Government notes:

- (a) the Committee's acceptance of the current Government view that there should be a broad consensus within a particular church community as to any proposed legislation before it is introduced; and
- (b) the Committee's conclusion that the current divisive climate between Macedonian Orthodox communities and the Church hierarchy is not conducive to any legislative solution at this time.

The Government supports the recommendation that the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010 not proceed.