

ATTACHMENT 15

THE FAILED DIPLOMATIC & MEDIATION EFFORTS OF THE GREEK NATIONAL REPRESENTATION IN BERN – SWITZERLAND

The Greek Ambassador to Switzerland **Christos Tsalikis** tried on a number of occasions to assist the complainant through enabling contact to ambassadors of other EU national representations in Switzerland (Spanish, German, Swedish, Italian and other embassies) and advising him to report the Swiss migration policy¹ to the UN representation of the EU in Geneva Switzerland².

IN addition the Greek ambassador wrote on a number of occasions to the then Swiss Foreign secretary **Jakob Kelleberger**³ asking for his positive intervention without ever receiving any reply. In the mistaken belief that the reason for not getting a reply was that the first communication was in French (the diplomatic language) the Greek ambassador engaged a legal officer to communicate in German.

The Timeline of these Embassy efforts is given below. The applicant learnt years later that the Swiss refused to discuss the complainant's case unless it escalated to a major political problem between the Swiss confederation and the republic of Greece.

APPENDICES

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| 15-01 | 11.02.1997 | Letter (in French) by the Greek ambassador Christos Tsalikis to the then Swiss State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Jakob Kelleberger asking him to enable an amicable resolution for the complainant. |
| 15-02 | 22.06.1997 | Letter (in Greek) by the complainant to the Greek ambassador Christos Tsalikis asking him for his intervention and the answer of the Swiss State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Jakob Kelleberger to his first letter. |
| 15-03 | 03.07.1997 | Letter (in Greek) of Greek ambassador Christos Tsalikis to the complainant stating that his first letter to the Swiss State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Jakob Kelleberger remained unanswered. |
| 15-04 | 06.07.1998 | Letter (in German) by the Greek ambassador Christos Tsalikis to the then Swiss Foreign secretary Jakob Kelleberger asking him to enable an amicable resolution for the complainant. |

THE ENDNOTES REFERED TO IN THE TEXT

¹ See Attachment 1.

² See Appendix 17-01.

³ Jakob Kelleberger is now president of the International red cross.