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Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Soldiers, National Guardsmen, and Civilian Personnel of the Army.

First of all, I bow in memory of our immortal dead, the sacred emblems, and the colours of our Army's Formations and Units.

Upon decision of the Governmental Council on Foreign Policy and National Defence, I assume today the duties of Chief of Hellenic Army General Staff, which constitutes the highest honour and makes me proud, since in this post my predecessors – excellent colleagues have been distinguished, amongst whom the highly-regarded General Alkiviadis Stefanis, to whom I would like to express our sincerest thanks for his valuable contribution and at the same time, best wishes for good health and personal and family happiness.

Being fully aware of the highest honour, the responsibility, and the obligations emanating from my appointment, I promise that I will work untiringly to honour my obligations as Chief of Hellenic Army General Staff in the best possible way.

The Army, in the context of the Armed Forces, constitutes the structural component of one of the four pillars of our Country's National power, being deeply rooted in the conscience of Greek society, from which its personnel originate and to which they will return upon their retirement or discharge. The commitments arising out of our capacity as Greek Citizens Servicemen, but also our mission, make the aspects of professionalism, sense of duty, morale, and adherence to soldierly values and ideals, non-negotiable.

Continuing the history of our Army until this present day, the spirit of command will remain man-centered, based on its institutionalism and traditions. I promise that justice will be our beacon, playing a crucial role in maintaining high morale. In this spirit, the lack of discrimination and the meritocratic treatment satisfy the "sense of justice", through which the confidence in the leadership is strengthened. A good leadership, which constitutes a fundamental element for the Army's cohesion and morale.

We will keep on working in a selfless and self-sacrificing way, making the best use of our personnel's intelligence, thus dealing with the challenges of our times through innovative and decisive solutions at all levels.

I envision an Army that will continue to constitute a tool of Deterrence and a strong component of National Strategy that will provide an operational advantage to the Political Leadership for the protection of our National Interests, valiantly countering both any border incident or local crisis, as well as a general conflict, if required. An Army that sends a strong message of determination to protect our Country's territorial integrity from foreign aggression, but at the same time supports the needs of Greek society through a framework of social contribution actions.

I am convinced that the Army, as an integral part of the Armed Forces and the Hellenic State, being now at the dawn of a new era, free of previous financial difficulties, will continue to move on and to that end, I am willing to make all efforts.

Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Soldiers, National Guardsmen, and Civilian Personnel, our Army and the Country itself are not "faceless" entities, dissociated from the role of each and every one of us. We are all structural elements of these concepts. As your Chief, I will stand by you in your daily professional, family, and personal difficulties with genuine fatherly concern and fairness; I will be there for all of you, working together, so that the Army, in the context of Armed Forces, will play its part in maintaining the integrity of our Country, which forms the border of the European Union.

With these thoughts, I call on you to exclaim:
Long live the Nation!
Long live the Army!

**Lieutenant General Georgios Kambas
Chief**