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**MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

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**TO**

**GEORGIOS PAVLIDIS**

**PREFECT OF PREFECTURE EAST MACEDONIA AND THRACE**

**REPUBLIC OF GREECE**

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**NEDYALKO SLAVOV**

**REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF REGION SMOLYAN**

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**REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF REGION KARDZHALI**

Subject: *Providing normal passing of organized tourist groups through border checkpoint “Makaza” and border checkpoint “Saint Konstantin and Elena”.*

**DEAR Mr. PAVLIDIS,**

I would like to address you in your capacity as Prefect of Region East Macedonia and Thrace regarding to the summer and winter tourist seasons and to raise the issue for providing of normal passing of organized tourists through border checkpoint “Makaza” near Kardzhali town and border checkpoint “Saint Konstantin and Elena” near Zlatograd town.

At the present moment the passing is very complicated due to the sanctions imposed. I consider that the common economic interests necessitates to work together for lighting the possibilities of tourist exchange and to deepen the opportunities for joint economic initiatives, both in summer and winter seasons.

In this connection I would like to ask you for your assistance for allowing passing of buses until 22 places and light commercial vehicles in directions through the border checkpoint Zlatograd-Xanthi and buses until 55 places through the border checkpoint Kardzhali-Komotini. I consider that this measure will encourage the tourist flow to the Aegean Sea and to the Greek resorts in the territory of Region East Macedonia and Thrace and will give possibilities for stimulating the economy on the sides of the border.

The solving of the abovementioned issue will ensure the possibility for better tourist exchange in summer time to the Greek resorts and in winter time the ski resort Pamporovo will be more accessible for organized visitors from your side.

With confidence in our fruitful cooperation!

Best regards,

**NIKOLINA ANGELKOVA**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

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