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#### THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS STABLE TOWARDS LEGALITY

In sixty days the issue of  
the Patriarchate of Jerusalem  
will "close" permanently

#### GREEK GOVERNMENT MUST ACCEPT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES

The Government of Israel requested and received from the Country's High Court an extension of sixty days in order to "close" permanently the issue of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, repeating its stable position on behalf of legality, as is expressed in the person of the Legal and Canonical Patriarch of Jerusalem, Irineos I. The Court, which convened on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, accepted the relative request of the Israeli Government which was submitted by its Legal Counsel.

We remind that it was the clergyman Theofilos that appealed to the High Court, after an ecclesiastical and legal mutiny, has illegally occupied the Patriarchal Throne of the Mother of Churches. The case is against the Government of Israel, from which he asks the recognition of his illegal "election", and seeks to cover with a cape of legality totally illegal judicial and ethical actions, with their by-products, created by a pitiful group of clergymen, being covered and guided by Greek diplomats, abolishing the Law, ignoring the responsible Israeli Government, stomping on the Sacred Canons of the Orthodox Church and who occupied as "hood-wearing anarchists" the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The fact that this group succeeded to achieve, following the political interventions and pressure, a perforated in terms of Canonical Law, decision of the "Pan-Orthodox Meeting" (and not Synod) of the Fanar in May of 2005, doesn't overthrow the strength of Legality.

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No Synod or Meeting has the right to oblige a country, to disregard its Law and to not enforce its Laws, when these Laws don't go against the Dogmatic Teaching of Orthodoxy, but just the opposite protect the smooth functioning of the Church.

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The rebels of Jerusalem, “are recognized” today, just as all the illegal regimes are recognized by the International Community, until the hour comes when they must render to account before justice and pay the price for their illegal actions...

And something else that is very important: In the Orthodox Church what is in force is the fact that all the decisions of Synods, even Ecumenical Synods, should be accepted by the faithful people of God in order for them to be implemented.

The perforated, in terms of Canon Law, as we said, decision of the “Pan-Orthodox Meeting”, which erases His Beatitude Patriarch Irineos of Jerusalem from the “Diptychs”, was not only not accepted by the faithful people of God, in other words the flock of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem which is united next to its suffering Patriarch, but also it makes things difficult for the illegal occupiers since the “erasing” from the “Diptychs” does not mean the automatic falling from the throne or from the rank “of he who was erased”.

The Patriarchal Throne of Jerusalem was never pronounced by anyone to be vacant and the Canonical and Legal Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem continues always to be His Beatitude Irineos I, whether the Government of Greece likes it or not! The blessed Flock of the Patriarchate recognizes this Patriarch, “in one mouth and one heart”, and has been informed of the TRUTH and has sidelined the vicious ones who took advantage of it in order to achieve there dirty ambitions. The Law in force in Israel and Jordan, covers totally this Patriarch, and provides the possibility to claim with legal means, and not with street manifestations, his rights and his throne. The sixty days which remain, until the intervention of Justice and the restoration of Legality, provide the Government of Greece with the possibility to accept its MISTAKE with its tactics in this sensitive issue, to isolate its bad counsels (Greeks and Greek Americans) and to help the Patriarchate of Jerusalem to return peacefully to the road of legality and smooth functioning.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
RESTORATION OF LEGALITY IN THE  
PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM.