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Deputy Minister of State  
Government Operations Coordinator

Dear Deputy Minister:

Thank you for your letter dated June 18. In response to your immediate question, I can tell you that the IMF has never held any seminars for Greek journalists. At the same time, I would like to take this opportunity to address your broader query:

Since 2006, the IMF has sponsored a fellowship program that offers small groups of journalists, mostly from low- and middle-income countries and emerging market economies, the opportunity to attend the IMF and World Bank Spring and Annual Meetings. The program provides an opportunity for journalists—who typically would be unable to travel to these Meetings—to cover these important economic discussions and meet the world's leading economic and financial policymakers. On occasion, the program has been expanded to include participants from higher-income countries that may be facing financial difficulties or have an IMF-supported program.

Since 2006, around 300 journalists from over 90 countries have been invited to the Spring and Annual Meetings in this way and, over that nearly ten-year period, there have been only two journalists from Greece. Fellowship participants have exactly the same status as any other member of the press covering the meetings—the same access and restrictions, and work in the same media center.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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