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Dear Prime Minister,

we heard that the Greek Government decided to dissolve the elected Board of KETHEA, composed of voluntary members, and substitute it with members chosen by the Government.

KETHEA provides high quality and efficient services of social rehabilitation for many decades. The services performed by KETHEA are widely recognized and appreciated internationally and considered fundamental among the families that receive the services.

The F.I.C.T. (Italian Federation of Therapeutic Communities), firmly believes that no profit service organizations and especially those which work with people with addiction problems, are more effective when there is a cooperation with the Government and not the direct management control by the Government.

Independence allows NGOs to respond to the changing expectation of people in difficulty in the territory , to engage more effectively families in order to provide support and guidance.

As President of the F.I.C.T. I ask you to consider these reflections and to restore the elected Board of volunteers for the management and governance of KETHEA.

We remain hopeful and grateful for considering our request.

Best regards

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*President of the F.I.C.T.*

