



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
SOUTH AEGEAN REGION

Governor

Rhodes, 25.4.2013

To: President of Tursab

Mr. Basaran ULUSOY

Dear friend,

After the completion of the Greco-Turkish forum held on the island of Kos, I take this opportunity to thank you for our excellent cooperation.

As we had informed you, we are in constant contact with the competent authorities that are handling the Schengen issue in order to adopt solutions and facilitate the arrival of visitors from neighboring Turkey.

Our proposals, as well as those of other institutions, were considered and many of them were accepted. The continuation of the pilot program during 2013 was agreed. Its duration is extended from four to six months, from late April to late October. The fee is reduced from 65 Euros to 35 Euros.

Our request to extend the pilot visa program to other ports apart from those of Rhodes and Kos was also accepted for the port of Kastellorizo, without ruling out its extension to other ports of the region, once the staffing problems of the departments are solved by hiring additional staff.

I believe that we should continue our efforts and to this purpose a meeting in Rhodes would be useful as well as the co-organization of a road show in Istanbul and Izmir. It would be our pleasure to welcome you in Rhodes.

I remain at your disposal for anything that might be useful for the cooperation between the two sides and I will be glad to see you soon in person.

Best regards,

Ioannis Machairidis



Governor of South Aegean Region