

Mr. Tim Davie
Director-General of the BBC

London

Athens Greece, 20.9.2022

Dear mr Director,
in the context of the television coverage of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom by your channel, there was an offensive reference to our Country (Greece).

In particular, an interview with a member of the former Greek royal family was broadcast, captioned by the station as HRH Pavlos Crown Prince of Greece.

We are sure that you are aware of the final regulation of the political system in our country with the Referendum of 1974 where we overthrew the former King Constantine and the monarchy altogether with an overwhelming majority. We imagine that your station is not trying to bring back an Constitutional dispute.

In addition, as you can see on its website, even the former royal family stipulates that it is the word “former” or, in English, “ex” that precedes the title of each of its members.

We ask for your immediate actions to correct the mishap which damages the prestige of the station and its long relationship with Greece.

Sincerely yours,

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President of Socialist Perspective Party

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President of Union of Democratic Centre Party