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Event Summary

"Foreign Policy: Risks and Challenges"

Alexis Papachelas

Mr Papachelas noticed the emerging consensus on some issues of Greek foreign policy. There is cross party basic agreement that a Balkan policy should emerge without pending issues and that Israel should be a constant ally.

He mentioned that in the face of a gravely 'nervous' Turkish foreign policy we should rely on stable alliances. The US appear to be now, as American - Turkish relations are deteriorating, a reliable choice as of course is the EU. Israel also appears to be a good ally since Greek and Israeli interests are compatible.

A fundamental point however of Mr Papachelas talk was his warning that in case of a military engagement in our neighborhood we will be alone. Nobody would be willing to get involved. We will have to rely on our own capabilities. It is imperative therefore, that we should be able to present an image of a serious and robust state and prepare our own military capabilities for a possible "accident". A new long-term strategy for the country is imperative