

*«Good morning, Members of the European Parliament,  
Good morning, fellow peers from the other Member-States of Europe.  
It's been a great pleasure and honour to be here today along with so many young  
people from almost all the European countries.*

*We are the Greek delegation consisting of 26 students of various Senior High  
Schools, which belong to the administrative jurisdiction of the Prefecture of West  
Athens, being right underneath the Ministry of Education in our country.*

*Wherever we refer to, either the mythology or the intellect, it will be undoubtedly  
ascertained that Europe emits a scent of Greece.*

*Our country was the birthplace of democracy, a value topping all human traits  
that has simultaneously been pertained not only to presupposition, but also to the  
main purpose of the European Union. Nowadays, that democracy is being pelted,  
we are all being summoned, especially the youth, to protect it by fighting against  
its diverters.*

*Having as a prime the current youth agitation, there come in mind the ses of a  
well – known Greek poet, Kavafis, which are much more current than ever».*

*Τιμή σ' εκείνους όπου στη ζωή των      Honour to those who in their lives  
ώρισαν και φυλάγουν Θερμοπύλες.      have defined and guard their Thermo  
Ποτέ από το χρέος μη κινούντες      Never stirring from duty;  
δίκαιοι κι ίσιοι σ' όλες των τες πράξει      just and upright in all their deeds.*

*Και περισσότερη τιμή τους πρέπει      And more honour is due to them  
όταν προβλέπουν (και πολλοί προβλέπ      When they foresee (and many do fore  
πως ο Εφιάλτης θα φανεί στο τέλος,      That Ephialtes (the traitor)  
κι οι Μήδοι επί τέλους θα διαβούνε.      will finally appear,  
And that the Medes (the enemies) in 1  
will go through.*

*Therefore, like some other modern Spartans, let's protect our Thermopylae,  
which is our DEMOCRACY.*