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**GNCHR Statement for the loss of Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos**



The Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR) expresses its deep sorrow for the loss of its first President, Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos, who passed away at the age of 101 years old.

An emblematic personality and leader in safeguarding and promoting human rights in Greece, Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos has been a source of inspiration for the GNCHR, given her substantial contribution to the establishment of an independent National Human Rights Institution, as well as a great example of fighting spirit for the effective protection of human rights. She served as President of the GNCHR for two terms since its creation (2000-2006), while she remained a Commissioner until today, designated by the [Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights](#).

Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos marked with her ideas and her long-standing work the feminist movement in our Country and worked with devotion for the promotion of gender equality, while contributing to the realisation of a significant human rights breakthrough in Greece. On her own initiative, the Greek Constitution introduced, in 2001, the effective equality and recognised positive measures for its achievement (Article 116(2)).

Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos has been a dynamic person with genuine concern for human rights. Her memory, her vision for human rights and her fighting spirit will follow us forever.

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