

Archbishop of Crete bemoans decision not to reintroduce malicious blasphemy against religion provision in Greece's penal code



The Archbishop of Crete, His Eminence Irineos, this week expressed his sadness over a last-minute decision by the Greek government not to reintroduce the offense of malicious blasphemy of religion and insult to religion in the country's penal code.

In a statement released by the Archdiocese of Crete, His Eminence noted that a sober and realistic consideration of the draft revisions reinstituting the offenses would demonstrate that they are necessary for society, as they would assure respect for the convictions and values of not only every Orthodox Christian but for every person, regardless of their religious affiliation. The Archbishop also added

that the Church hopes the proposed revisions will be tabled for ratification, after all.