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## **Greek PM Mitsotakis at UNESCO con'f: 'Recent desecration of monument very close to our heart, I'm referring to Hagia Sophia'**



Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on Thursday attended and spoke at an international conference entitled: "The Next 50: The Future of World Heritage in Challenging Times, Enhancing Resilience and Sustainability", which was organized at the eponymous Delphi site by Greece's culture ministry, in collaboration with UNESCO.

The conference was held on the occasion of 50-year anniversary of the signing of a Convention on the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

In his address, Mitsotakis noted that "...50 years since its inception, and with the global community facing new and urgent challenges, we need to ask ourselves how to deliver on the Convention's fundamental principles, and what kind of vision we really have for the next 50 years. How will we face new threats, and also how we respond to ones we are sadly all too familiar with, for example, the recent desecration of a monument that is very close to our heart, and I'm referring to Hagia Sophia."