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PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT OF PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS OF GREECE

The President of the Hellenic Republic, His Excellency Mr. Constantinos Karamanlis, will make a State Visit to Australia from Tuesday 9 to Sunday 14 March, 1982, at the invitation of the Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen.

I am looking forward to welcoming President Karamanlis as the first Greek Head of State to visit Australia.

The visit will be an important opportunity to further strengthen the already close relations between Australia and Greece. The ties between the two countries are wide-ranging but none is more important than the personal links which have resulted from Greek migration to Australia. The President's visit will serve to reinforce the friendship between the Greek and Australian people and promote co-operation and understanding between the two Governments.

As well as visiting Canberra, the President will visit Sydney and Melbourne. Following consultations with the State authorities the details of his itinerary and programme will be announced.

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