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In an article for the Turkish newspaper *Aksam* entitled, “Greek candidate receives Turkish support for the Nobel Peace Prize,” journalist Esin Gedik writes:

If 15 years ago, amidst the Imia crisis, a group of people in Turkey publicly endorsed a Greek candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, they would have been stigmatised as “traitors”... Thankfully, those days are long gone.

The Marmara Group Foundation has been famous for years for its work in the fields of politics and economics. The Foundation has earned the right to recommend a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize in the field of the environment and ecology. In a conversation with the President of the Foundation, Dr. Akkan Suver, I asked: “Whom will you recommend as a candidate?” The answer was: “We will recommend someone from Greece.” Her name is Professor Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, famous worldwide for her work in the field of Biopolitics.

Professor Arvanitis is President and Founder of the Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.). She is also famous in Turkey, as well as in other countries, for her work in the environment and policy. Her Organisation aims to protect the environment by making it everyone’s primary concern. Professor Arvanitis is President and Member of various foundations abroad. In Turkey, together with other colleagues, she has been working for many years in the promotion of biopolicy.

Dr. Suver, who has been collaborating with Professor Arvanitis for quite a few years, added: “We will share our decision with the public. It is not certain, of course, that our candidate will win. This gesture will, however, nurture our friendship and, at the same time, it will convey a message to the whole world”...