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Abstract:

Prior to conducting our research in Greece, our research team formed the hypothesis that through leveraging its natural resources, including its agriculture, antiquities, and unique landscape, the Greek government would be able to initiate a gradual upturn for its economy. Section I lays the foundation of the economic crisis in Greece, with a focus on the legal and regulatory morass that contributes to stalling real progress. Structural weaknesses and competing political pressures in a system in which citizens are subject to various levels of international, European, national, and municipal governance, create confusion and hesitation in implementing reforms. Through interviewing Greek citizens, the tangled nature of this system became abundantly clear. However, Greek citizens expressed consistent themes and recommendations for progress. Section II details two recommended internal reforms that will help Greece move beyond its current economic crisis: implementing standards-based employment practices, and enforcing of the rule of law. These recommendations are intended to address the pervasive corruption throughout Greece, and leverage the relatively corruption-free archaeology and antiquities sector as a model for other industries. Finally, Section III recommends external reforms to promote growth and improve Greece's image internationally. It focuses on two substantial industries – olive oil and tourism – as avenues for potential growth.