The Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the United Nations presents its compliments to Permanent Missions of all Member States and Observer States to the United Nations and in accordance with Article 1 (6) (b) of the Final Agreement for the Settlement of the Differences as Described in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), the Termination of the Interim Accord of 1995, and the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership between the Parties ("Final Agreement"), done at Prespes, on 17 June 2018, which entered into force on 12 February 2019 [https://bit.ly/2SNgyQW], and following the amendments to the country’s Constitution, has the honour to communicate the following changes that shall have immediate effect:

a) The official name of the country shall be the "Republic of North Macedonia", which is the constitutional name of the country. The short name of the country shall be "North Macedonia".

b) The nationality (citizenship) of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be Macedonian/ citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, as it shall be registered in all travel documents.

c) The official language of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be the "Macedonian language".

d) The country codes for all purposes shall remain MK and MKD, as officially assigned by the International Organization for Standardization ("ISO"), except for the licence plates of the vehicles of the Republic of North Macedonia which shall be "NMK".

e) The adjectival reference to the State, its official organs, and other public entities as well as private entities and actors that are related to the State, are established by law, and enjoy financial support from State for activities abroad shall be in line with its official name or its short name, that is "of the Republic of North Macedonia" or "of North Macedonia". Other adjectival references, including "North Macedonian" and "Macedonian" may not be used in all of the above cases.
Other adjectival usages, including those referring to private entities and actors, that are not related to the State and public entities, are not established by law and do not enjoy financial support from the State for activities abroad may be “Macedonian”. The adjectival usage for activities may also be “Macedonian”. This is without prejudice to the process established by the Final Agreement regarding commercial names, trademarks and brand names and to the compound names of cities that exist at the date of the signature of the Final Agreement.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia has the further honour to kindly request all Member States and Observer States of the United Nations to adopt and use the above stated name and terminologies for all usages and purposes, including in all their bilateral relations and communications.

Furthermore, The Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia has the honour to inform that, subject to Article 1(9) and (10) of the Final Agreement with regard to the transitional periods, the terms “Macedonia”, “Republic of Macedonia”, “FYR of Macedonia”, “FYR Macedonia” in a translated or untranslated form, as well as the provisional name “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and the acronym “FYROM” shall cease to be used to refer to the Republic of North Macedonia in any official context.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions of all Member States and Observer States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration. 

New York, 14 February 2019

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