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REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
PRESIDENT

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Skopje, 18 February 2004

Your Excellency,

I take exceptional pleasure in informing you that the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, expressing the general determination of the citizens and the agreement reached among all relevant political actors, on the 13th of February 2004, unanimously adopted a *Declaration on the Submission of the Application for Membership of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union*.

The initiative had been discussed in the European Affairs and Foreign Affairs Committees, and the debate had also included non-parliamentary political parties, non-governmental organizations and associations, experts in economy and law as well as wider public through the Internet survey at the official web site of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia.

Confirming the existing consensual agreement, the Assembly supports and encourages the Government of the Republic of Macedonia to submit an application for EU membership, stressing the commitment and the need to speed up the processes that are to be fulfilled for faster EU integration and additionally urges and strengthens the public awareness among the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia to fulfill this objective.

Bearing in mind the natural aspiration and the EU membership right which belong to each of the countries included in the Stabilization and Association Process, the Declaration reflects and confirms the firm commitment of the Republic of Macedonia for EU membership, as well as the readiness that this strategic commitment of vital importance for the future of the country be continuously awarded full dedication, priority and support.

Please find enclosed the text of the Declaration published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia no.7 of 18 February 2004.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ljupco Jordanovski

H.E. Mr. Christian MEJDAHL
Speaker of the Folketing

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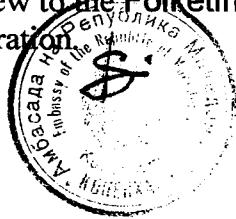
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NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia in Copenhagen presents its compliments to the Folketing of the Kingdom of Denmark and has the honor to forward the original letter of Mr. Ljupco Jordanovski, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia addressed to H.E. Mr. Christian Mejdahl, Speaker of the Folketing, regarding the adopted Declaration on the Submission of the Application for Membership of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union.

The Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia in Copenhagen avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Folketing of the Kingdom of Denmark the assurances of its highest consideration.



Copenhagen, March 18, 2004

**Folketing of the Kingdom of Denmark
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Pursuant to Article 68, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia, at its session held on 13 February 2004, the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia adopted the following

D E C L A R A T I O N
ON THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Based on the strongly expressed determination of citizens and the consensual agreement of political actors for integration of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union, as a strategic objective of vital importance, sharing the common European values and being aware of the need to promptly fulfill the economic and political standards and meet the European Union criteria, which guarantee economic prosperity, political stability, democracy, freedom and security,

Bearing in mind that the Republic of Macedonia is part of the Stabilization and Association Process, having concluded the Stabilization and Association Agreement,

Strongly reaffirming the determination of the Republic of Macedonia to implement the commitments undertaken under the Declaration of the EU – Western Balkans Summit, held on 21 June 2003, and the Thessaloniki Agenda for the Western Balkans: Moving Towards European Integration,

Stressing that the Republic of Macedonia has been continuously developing relations of constructive dialogue and partnership with the European Union,

Having in mind that the procedure for ratification of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Union has been finalized in the Parliaments of all European Union member states, which is of exceptional political importance for the support to our country,

Expressing the commitment to building a stable Republic of Macedonia and South-Eastern Europe fully integrated in the European community,

Having in mind the Declaration on Developing the Relations between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Union, adopted by the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia on 4 February 1998, and the Declaration on Upgrading the Relations between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Union, adopted on 23 November 2000,

The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia

1. Reaffirms its strong commitment to European Union membership, as a strategic goal of the Republic of Macedonia, in which respect it shall give its continuous support and priority.
2. Recommends the Government of the Republic of Macedonia to submit an application for membership of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union.
3. Stresses the need the Government of the Republic of Macedonia to inform the Assembly, on quarterly basis, about the planned and fulfilled obligations, as well as about the realization of all programs and other activities required for membership of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union.
4. Shall make efforts the processes necessary for the prompter integration in the European Union, i.e. the process of fulfilling the criteria for membership in the Union, laid down by the European Council in Copenhagen in 1993, to be accelerated.
5. Emphasizes the firm commitment of the political forces represented in the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia to acting in the direction of meeting the criteria for membership in the Union.

6. Shall work on the approximation of the legislation of the Republic of Macedonia with the European Union legislation, including the introduction of special procedures for greater efficiency of the process.

7. Shall be fully engaged, within the inter-parliamentary cooperation, in the promotion and support to the application for membership of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union.

8. Calls upon the European Union member countries and institutions to afford enhanced support to the reforms in the Republic of Macedonia, aimed at fulfilling the necessary requirements for membership in the Union, encouraging the development of the overall capacities for implementation of the reforms.

9. Shall contribute to the raising and development of the public opinion and public awareness in the Republic of Macedonia of the benefits arising from its full-fledged membership in the European Union.

10. This declaration shall be submitted to the President of the Republic of Macedonia, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, the European Parliament, the European Commission, as well as to the Parliaments of the EU member countries and new acceding countries.

11. This Declaration shall be published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia".

ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

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13 February 2004
Skopje

**PRESIDENT
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC
OF MACEDONIA**

Dr. Ljupco Jordanovski