

* The Secretariat for European Affairs intervened in the text by replacing the reference "former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" with the constitutional name "Republic of Macedonia"

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
concerning the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities
and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Macedonia, of the other part

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
AND THEIR MEMBER STATES

Luxembourg, 9 April 2001

The Prime Minister of the Government of the
Republic of Macedonia

Dear Sir,

We have the honour to propose that, if it is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your confirmation hereof shall together take the place of the signature of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Annexes and Protocols, initialled by your Government and the European Commission on 24 November 2000.

We furthermore propose that, if it is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your confirmation hereof shall together take the place of the procedure whereby Declarations by the Contracting Parties would be adopted in a Final Act on the signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, noting that the Declarations shall be subjected, in the same manner as this Agreement, to any procedures that may be necessary to ensure their validity.

The text of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Annexes and Protocols, as well as the Joint Declarations adopted by the Parties, are annexed to this Exchange of Letters.

Also annexed to this Exchange of Letters are 2 Unilateral Declarations by the European Community taken note of by your side.

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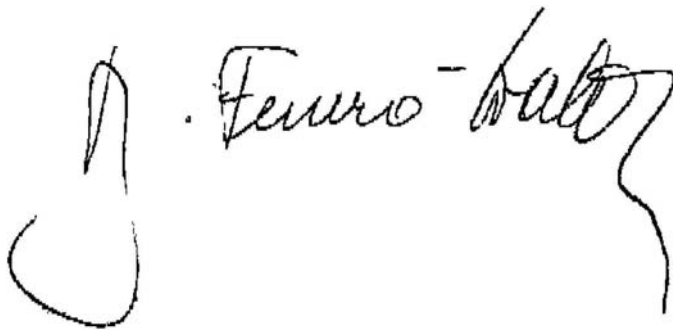
The texts of the Agreement and the Declarations which are the object of this Exchange of Letters, shall be subject to approval by the European Communities and their Member States.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of our highest consideration.

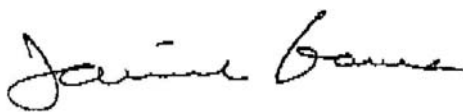
For the European Communities



For the Republic of Austria

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For the Republic of Finland

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For the Kingdom of Sweden

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For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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For the French Republic

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For Ireland

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For the Italian Republic

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For the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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For the Kingdom of Belgium

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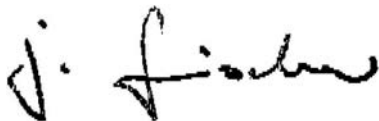
Deze handtekening verbindt eveneens de Vlaamse Gemeenschap, de Franse Gemeenschap, de Duitstalige Gemeenschap, het Vlaamse Gewest, het Waalse Gewest en het Brusselse Hoofdstedelijke Gewest.

Diese Unterschrift bindet zugleich die Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft, die Flämische Gemeinschaft, die Französische Gemeinschaft, die Wallonische Region, die Flämische Region und die Region Brüssel-Hauptstadt.

For the Kingdom of Denmark



For the Federal Republic of Germany



For the Hellenic Republic



For the Kingdom of Spain



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
The President

Courtesy translation

Luxembourg, 9 April, 2001

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to confirm the receipt of Your letter regarding the signature of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Communities and their Member States with Annexes and Protocols, initialled by my Government and the European Commission on 24 November 2000. I confirm the acceptance of my Government that this letter together with your letter shall take place of the signature of the Agreement.

Furthermore, my Government agrees that this letter together with your letter take place of the procedure whereby Declarations by the Contracting Parties would be adopted in a Final Act on the signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, noting that the Declarations shall be subjected, in the same manner as this Agreement, to any procedures that may be necessary to ensure their validity.

I confirm that to this Exchange of Letters are annexed the text of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Annexes and Protocols, as well as the Joint Declarations adopted by the Parties and the 2 Unilateral Declarations by the European Community for which my Government took note.

I consider this Exchange of Letters as the equivalent of signature.

The texts of the Agreement and the Declarations which are the object of this Exchange of Letters, shall be subject to approval by the Republic of Macedonia and the European Communities and their Member States.

However, I declare that the Republic of Macedonia does not accept the denomination used for my country in the above-mentioned documents having in view that the constitutional name of my country is the Republic of Macedonia.

Ljubco GEORGIEVSKI

*THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
AND THEIR MEMBER STATES*

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THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
AND THEIR MEMBER STATES

Luxembourg, 9 April 2001

The Prime Minister of the Government of the
Republic of Macedonia

Dear Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 April 2001.

The European Communities and their Member States note that the Exchange of Letters between the plenipotentiaries of the European Communities and their Member States and the Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, which takes the place of the signature of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Annexes and Protocols, and of the procedure whereby Declarations by the Contracting Parties would be adopted in a Final Act on the signing of the Agreement has been accomplished, and that this cannot be interpreted as acceptance or recognition by the European Communities and their Member States in whatever form or content of a denomination other than the ' Republic of Macedonia'.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of our highest consideration.

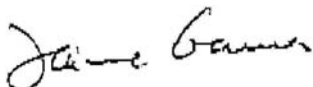
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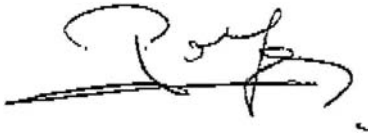
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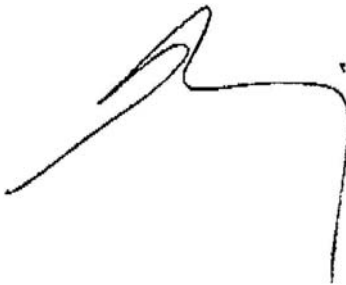
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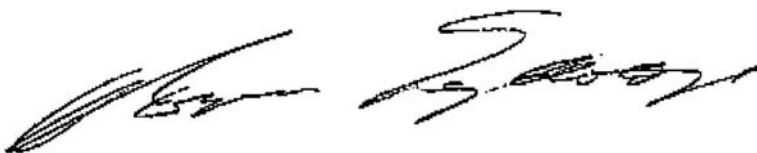
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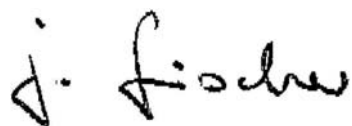
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For the Hellenic Republic

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For the Kingdom of Spain

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