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**NOTE VERBALE**

The Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia in Copenhagen presents its compliments to Folketinget, Kingdom of Denmark and has the honour to enclose a copy of the letter from Mrs. Karolina Ristova, President of the European Affairs Committee at the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia addressed to Mrs. Elisabeth Arnold, President of the European Affairs Committee at Folketinget, Kingdom of Denmark, regarding the parliamentary support for granting the Republic of Macedonia with a candidate status at the European Council Meeting in Brussels on December 15, 2005.

The Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Folketinget, Kingdom of Denmark the assurances of its highest consideration.

Copenhagen, December 5, 2005



Folketinget,  
Kingdom of Denmark  
European Affairs Committee

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REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA  
ASSEMBLY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA  
*European Affairs Committee*

Skopje, November, 2005

Dear Madam President,

The Committee on European Affairs of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia has received the news of the European Commission Opinion on the EU membership application of our country, issued November 9, 2005, with great joy and satisfaction.

The Commission's opinion recommends that the Council grants the status of candidate country to the Republic of Macedonia, as a political recognition of the substantial progress made by the country, both in its stabilization after the 2001 conflict, and in its reforms towards EU membership. We salute such objective evaluation and wise recommendation of the E. Commission! Furthermore, we sincerely hope that the Council will follow with granting a candidate status to our country.

The members of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia believe that the candidate status will mean explicit EU recognition and support of transforming our country into a tolerant and peaceful multi-ethnic society, and continuous and strong dedication in the implementation of the EU required reforms that very often are much painful for our citizens. It will further mean great encouragement and help to continue the reform path in even more dedicated and efficient manner. Last, but not least, it will send a powerful message to the other countries of the Stabilization and Association Process that one country's efforts to achieve European transformation are indeed rewarded with closer relationship with the EU on its way towards membership.

The whole country is very well aware and very motivated to work hard, and, in due time, earn our EU membership by fulfilling the membership criteria. What we expect is, in our opinion, well - deserved chance and the support by the EU and its Member States.

Considering the fact the EU national parliaments and their European Affairs Committees have a great role to play in the EU Enlargement process, we are appealing to you to consider the E. Commissions Opinion on our membership application, on its merits, and give your parliamentary support for granting the Republic of Macedonia with a candidate status by the Council on the December 15 meeting.

Sincerely,

President of the  
Committee  
Karolina Ristova

Mrs. Elisabeth Arnold  
Chairman of the European Affairs Committee  
Folketinget, Denmark  
Copenhagen