

ACTS ADOPTED BY BODIES CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

DECISION No 1/2018 OF THE STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of 4 December 2018

concerning the transition to the second stage of the Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement [2019/83]

THE STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ (the 'Agreement'), and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of the Agreement provides for a transitional period of a maximum of 10 years divided into two successive stages.
- (2) The first stage began on 1 April 2004, which was the date of entry into force of the Agreement.
- (3) Article 5(3) of the Agreement further provides that the Stabilisation and Association Council is to evaluate the progress made and to decide about the passage into the second phase and its duration, as well as on any possible changes to be brought about as regards the content of the provisions governing the second stage.
- (4) The Parties are determined to comply with the obligations related to the transition to the second stage of the Association.
- (5) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has taken the measures necessary to ensure compliance with all of the obligations resulting from the transition to the second stage,

Has ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The transition to the second stage of the Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Agreement, hereby takes effect.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2018.

For the Stabilisation and Association Council
The President

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 20.3.2004, p. 13.

SGS18/06055

H. E. Agneza RUSI POPOVSKA,
Ambassador,
Head of the Mission of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
to the European Union,

Brussels, 10 July 2018

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to propose that, if it is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your confirmation thereof shall together constitute:

- 1) The adoption by the EU - the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council of Decision No. 1/2018 concerning the transition to the second stage of the Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, pursuant to article 5(3) of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement; and
- 2) The signature of the same Decision by the President of the EU - the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council.

In so doing, the requirements under the terms set out in Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Stabilisation and Association Council are thereby fulfilled.

A copy of the draft Decision is herewith attached (document UE-FM 1452/18).

Please accept, Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Co-Secretary of the Stabilisation
and Association Council



Andzelika SOKOLOVA

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Ms Andzelika SOKOLOVA
Co-Secretary of the Stabilisation and Association Council
Council of the European Union
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Dear Ms Sokolova,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter SGS18/06055 dated 10-07-2018 regarding the adoption by the EU - the Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council of Decision No. 1/2018 concerning the transition to the second stage of the Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

Hereby, I confirm our acceptance that your letter and this confirmation that the Government of the Republic of Macedonia agrees with the provisions of the annexed text of aforementioned Decision shall together constitute signature of the Decision through written procedure, under the terms set out in Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Stabilisation and Association Council.

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

Please accept, Madame, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Agneza Rusi Popovska
Ambassador and Head of Mission



Council of the European Union
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H. E. Agneza RUSI POPOVSKA,
Ambassador,
Head of the Mission of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
to the European Union

Brussels, 15 January 2019

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4/12/2018.

The European Union notes that the exchange of letters between the European Union and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which constitutes the adoption of the Decision by the EU-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council and its signature by the President of the said Council has been accomplished concerning Decision No. 1/2018 of the EU-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council of 4/12/2018 concerning the transition to the second stage of the Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, pursuant to article 5(3) of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement. None of this can be interpreted as acceptance or recognition by the European Union in whatever form or content of a denomination other than the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Please accept, Madame, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Co-Secretary of the Stabilisation
and Association Council

Andželika SOKOLOVA
