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Protection of the reputation of the Macedonian diplomacy

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We express our concern about the latest activities of the Government of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", specifically as regards its irresponsible behavior in the field of diplomacy.

The main strategic orientation of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" is to join the European Union and NATO and we support that integration. This process is for all citizens and must be supported by both the government and the opposition. Diplomatic activities are crucial for this process.

We are concerned to learn that the government is making attempts to prevent Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski from taking up his post as Ambassador and Head of Mission of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" to the European Union. Mr Nikoloski served for nine years in the Parliamentary Assembly in many important posts including Vice-President, First Vice-President of the Monitoring Committee and First Vice-President of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy. Through his work, commitment and personal achievements, he was the best advocate of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" in the Parliamentary Assembly. His work shows that MPs from smaller countries can contribute a lot with their passionate work.

We are convinced that he will be an excellent representative of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" to the European Union in Brussels and will speed up the process of European Union integration.

We call on the government to end its irresponsible activities and to protect the reputation of Macedonian diplomacy.

Signed (see overleaf)



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