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**Statement of the Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic in Skopje
at the 12th Annual Working Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture
from South East Europe
(Struga, 14-16.11.2018)**

With respect to the use of the constitutional name of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia at the 12th Annual Working Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture 2018, held in Struga (14-16.11.2018), the Hellenic Republic stresses that the participation of Ms Pagona Larda, Counsellor for Economic and Commercial Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic in Skopje, and her contribution to the aforementioned Meeting, cannot be interpreted as acceptance or recognition by Greece, in whatever form or content, of a name other than the "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", under which this country has been admitted to the United Nations, pursuant to the UN Security Council Resolution 817/1993 and the UN General Assembly Resolution 47/225/1993.

Pursuant to the above Resolutions, this country was admitted to membership in the United Nations, being provisionally referred to as 'the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia', pending settlement of the difference over its name.

Furthermore, the UN Security Council, by its Resolution 845 (1993), urged 'the parties (Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) to continue their efforts under the auspices of the Secretary-General to arrive at a speedy settlement of the remaining issues'.

Following the above, on 13 September 1995, Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed an Interim Accord agreeing, among others, to continue the negotiations with a view to reaching an agreement on the name issue.

In Prespes, on 17 June 2018, the Hellenic Republic and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed a *'Final Agreement for the settlement of the differences as described in the United Nations Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), the termination of the Interim Accord of 1995 and the establishment of a strategic partnership'* between them.

It should be stressed that the Interim Accord of 1995 will continue to apply, until the Final Agreement of 17th June 2018 enters into force.

Only after the Final Agreement enters into force, the difference and all remaining issues referred to in Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993) shall be considered as having been resolved.

Acknowledged
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