



# MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

*of the United States and Canada, Inc.*

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## **RESOLUTION**

The duly elected delegates of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada (MPO) who met on September 3, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois, for their 84th annual convention, unanimously voted to urge the European Union to admit the Republic of Macedonia to its organization as soon as possible, and hereby proclaim:

**Whereas**, Since 2001 the leaders of the Republic of Macedonia have shown remarkable strength and resilience in working to create a stable multi-ethnic country on the path to joining the Euro-Atlantic community, and

**Whereas**, They adopted important constitutional amendments and changed more than 70 laws to fulfill the legislative agenda of the framework agreement, and have concentrated on achieving the standards for acceptance in the European Union, and

**Whereas**, International monetary fund Chief Executive for Macedonia, Jerden Cremers, stated on July 27, 2005 that Macedonia's economic perspectives are favorable and that this assessment is based on macro-economic stability, low deficit and inflation rates, reorganization of loss-making companies, and that Macedonia is ahead of many other countries, and

**Whereas**, Admittance of the Republic of Macedonia to the European Union will greatly assist the country in its ability to trade with its European partners, improve economic stability, reduce the unemployment rate, which will promote inter-ethnic relations, and heighten social development, and

**Whereas**, Assistance is needed from the European Union to assist the Macedonian textile industry by helping to alleviate the unfair tariff and quota restrictions, and

**Whereas**, In 1991, the Badinter Commission ruled that Macedonia met all criteria for European Union membership, therefore be it

### **Resolved,**

The MPO urges the member states of the European Union to admit the Republic of Macedonia as a member of the European Union at the earliest possible time.