



MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

of the United States and Canada

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 United Nations, the European Union and NATO to request that the Parliament of Serbia & Montenegro delineate the border between Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, in particular that part of the border with Kosovo, and hereby proclaim:

Whereas, The foreign ministers of the Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia signed the accord regulating relations between both countries on April 8, 1996, and

Whereas, The Accord delineates the border and respects the territorial integrity of both countries and was ratified by the Macedonian Parliament on April 25, 1996, and

Whereas, The border issue needs to be resolved to preserve the peace and to prevent future conflict. The Albanian insurgency in Macedonia in 2001, instigated by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), was more about the existing border than about human and civil rights, and

Whereas, Delay in the decision to an agreed border by Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro and the international community is not in the best interests of peace in the region and should not be contingent upon the final status of Kosovo, and

Whereas, Gafur Adill, political leader of the Albanian National Army (ANA) was quoted by the Belgrade Agency Beta on July 25, 2005, that members of the Albanian National Army and "the front for National Unity of Albanians" are in Macedonia and other artificial countries and are time bombs in the Balkans." His comments are consistent with the Kosovars whose goal is to gain independence and annex the northern part of Macedonia in order to establish a greater Albania, therefore be it

Resolved,

In the interest of maintaining peace in the region, the MPO recommends that an international commission be established, consisting of members from the UN with UNMIK as a partner in demarcation of the border between Serbia and Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia, particularly that part of the border with Kosovo.