



MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

of the United States and Canada, Inc.

RESOLUTION

The duly elected delegates of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada, Inc. (MPO) who met on September 2, 2006, in Cleveland, Ohio, for their 85th Annual Convention, unanimously voted to urge the member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to admit the Republic of Macedonia to full membership in NATO at the earliest possible time, and hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, The Republic of Macedonia has continued to make progress toward political, economic, defense, resource, security and legal reform goals required as part of the Republic of Macedonia's membership in NATO's Membership Action Plan program and conducted peaceful parliamentary elections in 2006 in accordance with applicable international standards; and,

WHEREAS, the Republic of Macedonia's relationship with NATO, as a long-time member of NATO's Partnership for Peace, Membership Action Plan, and South East Europe Initiative programs, has been one of utmost cooperation, demonstrated by the Republic of Macedonia's provision of a primary staging area for NATO troop support, participation in military training exercises alongside NATO forces, shelter and protection of 350,000 refugees from Kosovo, and participation with all NATO member states in the global fight against international terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2006, NATO Secretary General, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, during a speech delivered in the Republic of Macedonia, commended the Republic of Macedonia for its implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and judicial reforms, and stated "Let there be no mistake -- there is still work to do. But Macedonia is well on its way towards joining the NATO community, and it will be a very welcome addition;" and,

WHEREAS, the admission of the Republic of Macedonia to NATO is essential for the peace, security and stability of the Republic of Macedonia and is of paramount importance for peace in the region and for ensuring the territorial integrity of the Republic of Macedonia; ***THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, that the MPO urges NATO to admit the Republic of Macedonia to NATO as a member state in 2007.

COPIES TO: NATO Secretary General, NATO Member States, Secretary General of the United Nations, President of the United States of America, Secretary of State of the United States of America, Secretary of Defense of the United States of America, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States of America, Chairman, United States Senate International Relations Committee, Chairman, United States House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee, Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of External Affairs of Canada, Defence Minister of Canada, Chief of the Defence Staff/Chairman of the Armed Forces Council of Canada, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Macedonia, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to the United States of America, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Canada

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