



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 all parties engaged in the determination of the final status of the Serbian province of Kosovo that the final resolution of the status of Kosovo should not, in any way, alter the territorial integrity of the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo, and hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, the Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia signed an accord demarcating the border between the Republic of Macedonia and Yugoslavia, including that portion of such border between the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo, in 2001; and,

WHEREAS, since 1999, Kosovo has been administered by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), under the authority of the United Nations as established on June 10, 1999, by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and is currently governed by UNMIK and the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government (PISG) authorized in May 2001 by the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Kosovo through the issuance of the Constitutional Framework for the Provisional Self-Government; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Accord between the Republic of Macedonia and Yugoslavia, a final demarcation of the border between the Republic of Macedonia and the province of Kosovo has not been set or otherwise determined; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Republic of Macedonia, the province of Kosovo, and the Republic of Serbia, that the border between the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo be demarcated with certainty before the final status of Kosovo is determined thereby stabilizing freedom of movement between the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo, facilitating greater economic ties and trade between the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo, and fostering stability and security in the region; and,

WHEREAS, United Nations brokered talks between the representatives of Serbia and Kosovo on the final status of Kosovo commenced in on February 20, 2006, and are currently in progress; and,

WHEREAS, the final demarcation of the border between the Republic of Macedonia and the Province of Kosovo should preserve and respect the current territorial integrity of both the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo thereby allowing the governments of each to focus on the establishment and maintenance of functioning multi-ethnic, democratic societies; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the MPO encourages all parties engaged in the talks on the final status of Kosovo, in the course of such talks, to address the final demarcation of the border between the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo in a manner that respects and preserves the territorial integrity of each.

COPIES TO: Secretary General of the United Nations, United Nations Security Council, Special Representative and Head of the United Nation Interim Administration for Kosovo, 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, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Macedonia, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Serbia, Foreign Minister of Kosovo, Secretary of State of the United States of America, Federal Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, Foreign Minister of the Italian Republic, Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation