



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, at Cleveland, Ohio, for their 85th Annual Convention, unanimously voted to urge the United Nations and the International Community to revisit the Treaty of Bucharest, and hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, the Treaty of Bucharest of 1913 unjustly divided the natural boundaries of historic Macedonia and inequitably expanded the borders of Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, and Serbia; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO was founded in 1922 by immigrants from Macedonia to the United States and Canada in order to continue the struggle for a free, independent, democratic and united Macedonia and to preserve our ethnicity, heritage, customs, language and religious freedom; and,

WHEREAS, "The Macedonian Question," often associated with the term "a powder keg of the Balkans," has been ignored by World Powers who implemented the Treaty of Bucharest, after the retreat of the Ottoman Empire; and,

WHEREAS, that certain part of Macedonia annexed to Serbia under the Treaty, *Vardar Macedonia*, is today the principal geographic area of the independent Republic of Macedonia, a multi-ethnic democracy with a functioning market-based economy where the civil and human rights of all its citizens are protected and secured by the rule of law; and,

WHEREAS, the largest parcel of Macedonia annexed to Greece under the Treaty, *Aegean Macedonia*, and currently divided into three Greek provinces each employing the term "Macedonia" in their current toponyms adopted in 1988 and previously referred to by the Greek Government as the "New Territories" and then "Northern Greece," was never a part of the country of Greece prior to the 1913 annexation; and

WHEREAS, that certain portion of Macedonia annexed to the nation of Bulgaria, *Pirin Macedonia*, remains under the rule of Bulgaria and that portion of Macedonia annexed to Albania, *Mala Prespa*, remains under the rule of Albania; and,

WHEREAS, the past and current human and civil rights abuses against Macedonians in the Balkans has been and continues to be an affront to all nations diligently working to preserve individual rights and human dignity for all citizens of the world community; ***THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, that the MPO requests that the United Nations and the International Community revisit the 1913 Treaty of Bucharest in order to unite all parts of Macedonia within its historic and geographic borders; ***and be it further***

RESOLVED, that a united Macedonia would be an independent democratic state which would constitutionally guarantee ethnic, religious, cultural and political liberties to all its citizens.

COPIES TO: United Nations Secretary General, United Nations Security Council, President of United States of America, United States Secretary of State, Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, Governments of Bulgaria, Albania and Greece, Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation, Federal Foreign Minister of

the Federal Republic of Germany, Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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These resolutions are being sent in the US to the president, secretaries of State and Defense, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, House International Relations Committee, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and its ambassador to the UN.

In Canada to the Prime Minister, Defense Minister and Minister of External Affairs and its ambassador to the UN.

To the Secretary General of the UN, its Security Council members, its Agency for Development and its representative to Kosovo; to the Secretary General of the EU, its president, member states and its representative in the Republic of Macedonia, to the NATO's Secretary General and its member states.

To the ambassadors of the US to Macedonia and the ambassadors of Macedonia to US and Canada: to the governments of Bulgaria, Albania and Greece; to the foreign ministers of Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, Germany, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Russia;

Also to the President of the European Communities Commission, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, American Chamber of Commerce in Macedonia and to trade organizations.