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### Admission of new Members to the United Nations

#### **Letter dated 18 January 2022 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of North Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon request and on behalf of my Government, I have the honour to submit a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the United Nations in New York regarding some additional clarifications about the use of the short name ("North Macedonia") of my country (see annex), as a follow-up to our note verbale of 14 February 2019.

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you that the Government of North Macedonia has decided to undertake this activity in order to further contribute to the maintenance of good-neighbourliness and as a committed supporter of constructive cooperation with the States in the region, in this case with the Republic of Bulgaria. In addition, this step is of importance on our path for the future integration into the European Union.

In that context, I would like to request your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 118.

*(Signed)* Dushko Uzunovski

Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

Permanent Mission of North Macedonia to the United Nations



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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the United Nations presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations and further to its note verbale of February 2019 has the honour to confirm that, in pursuance of the principle of equality and sovereign rights of States, both the official name “Republic of North Macedonia” and the short name “North Macedonia” shall be equally valid and may not be interpreted as implying any geographical region outside the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The use of the official name and of its short version have never implied, nor will ever imply, territorial claims towards any neighbouring States. Both the official name and its short version shall be in use within the United Nations as names of the sovereign State, as a political entity, having clearly defined territory in international relations.

The Mission would like to reaffirm that the contents of the present note verbale only provide further clarification of the use of the short name of the Republic of North Macedonia.

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