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Admission of new Members to the United Nations**Letter dated 7 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to transmit to you herewith a note verbale that was sent to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the United Nations (see annex) in response to the latter's note verbale of 18 January 2022 regarding some additional clarifications about the use of the short name (North Macedonia) of the country as a follow-up to its note verbale of 14 February 2019, and issued as a document of the General Assembly ([A/76/661](#)).

I would like to request your kind assistance in issuing the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Lachezara Stoeva
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 7 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the United Nations and, with regard to the note verbale of the Republic of Bulgaria dated 7 May 2019, has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the note verbale of the Republic of North Macedonia dated 18 January 2022 and to confirm, as per the communication in the latter's note verbale, its understanding that, in pursuance with the principle of equality and sovereign rights of States, both the official name "Republic of North Macedonia" and its short version "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 its short version will never 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.
