

**Amendment 2****Charles Tannock**

on behalf of the ECR Group

**Motion for a resolution****Richard Howitt**

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on the 2012 Progress Report on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

**B7-0186/2013****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 14***Motion for a resolution*

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