

**Question for written answer E-000328/2016  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Unacceptable and subversive nomenclature in the Commission's annual progress report on the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

On 10 November 2015, Johannes Hahn, Commissioner responsible for European neighbourhood policy and enlargement negotiations, presented the new enlargement strategy and 2015 annual progress reports to the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The annual progress report on the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia contains two references to 'Macedonia' on pages 6 ('Macedonian Government') and 11 ('Macedonian administration').

It must be remembered that measures to maintain good neighbourly relations, including a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue under the auspices of the UN, accompanied by and regional cooperation, are essential for enlargement and for the stabilisation and association processes,

In this connection, the above references to 'Macedonia' are a blatant infringement of international law and the relevant UN resolutions (817, 845, 225 (1993)) and decisions of the European Union, which issued an official notice on 27 August 2014 concerning the need to adhere to the officially accepted nomenclature.

In view of this:

- What was the purpose behind the Commission's repeated use of the term 'Macedonia'?
- Does the Commission consider that this will in any way facilitate the accession of FYROM to the EU in a constructive and neighbourly spirit?