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## RULES OF PROCEDURE
**of the**
## EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee

- approved by the Bureau of the European Parliament on .....
- approved by the President and the Vice presidents of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on .....

**Rule 1**

The EU- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee is established on the basis of the European Parliament's decision of 10 March 2004 and the decision of the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of 7 December 2004, and on the basis of the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement (notably, art. 114).

**Rule 2**

The task of the EU- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be to consider all aspects of relations between the EU and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and, in particular, the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

**Rule 3**

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, recommendations may be made to the European Parliament, to the Parliament and Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to the Council of the European Union and to the European Commission.

Recommendations shall be considered adopted if they receive the support of a majority of the members of the delegation of the European Parliament and of the delegation of the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

**Rule 4**

The EU- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the European Parliament and by the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The term of office of the members of the delegations shall be decided in accordance with the rules and practices of the European Parliament and the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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**Rule 5**

The Bureau of the EU- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the delegation of the European Parliament, the Chairman of the delegation of the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and two Vice-Chairmen of each delegation.

The office of the Chairman shall be filled by turns by the Chairman of the European Parliament delegation and the Chairman of the delegation of the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The Chairman in office shall, where necessary, be replaced by the first or second Vice-Chairman of his or her delegation.

**Rule 6**

The EU- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee shall meet twice a year, once in one of the workplaces of the European Parliament and once in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The draft agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Bureau, shall normally be sent to Members a fortnight in advance.

Meetings shall be held in public, unless the Joint Parliamentary Committee decides otherwise.

**Rule 7**

Members of the Stabilisation and Association Council, established under art. 108 and following of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the Council of Ministers of the EU, members of the European Commission and any other person may, by decision of the Bureau, attend and speak at the meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

**Rule 8**

The Secretariat of the EU- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be provided by the secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with officials designated by the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Minutes shall be drawn up for each session of the EU- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee for approval at the opening of the following meeting.

**Rule 9**

Members may address meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in an official language of the European Union or of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Translation and interpretation will be provided on the basis of decisions of the Bureau of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, and in accordance with the internal rules of the European Parliament.

**Rule 10**

The travel expenses and subsistence allowances of Committee members and officials assisting them shall be paid by the Parliament that has appointed them.

Other expenses entailed by the meetings and activities of the Committee shall be apportioned between the European Parliament and the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

**Rule 11**

Changes to these rules, proposed by the Joint Parliamentary Committee, shall be submitted to the Bureau of the European Parliament and of the Parliament of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.