

**Priority question for written answer P-003268/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Name of North Macedonia football team

Prime Minister Zoran Zaev has referred to his country's football team in a tweet as the national team of 'Macedonia'. Despite assurances given by Mr Zaev to the Greek Government a few days ago that the matter of the name of the team representing his country in the EURO 2020 series would be resolved immediately on the basis of the Prespa Agreement and UEFA's rules and traditions¹, he went on to post the following tweet:

'Today I am in the Amsterdam stadium ready to cheer on the national football team of Macedonia'².

In view of the commitments given by North Macedonia under the Prespa Agreement and to the EU as an applicant for membership:

1. Can the Commission say what view it takes of this public statement and the inconsistent stance being adopted by the Prime Minister of our neighbouring country regarding its obligations to the EU?
2. Does it intend to make reference to this in the progress report on the accession of North Macedonia to the EU?

¹ www.kathimerini.gr/politics/561404599/zaef-tha-epilythei-to-thema-me-tin-onomasia-tis-ethnikis-sto-euro/

² www.kathimerini.gr/world/561406870/euro-2020-to-tweet-toy-zaef-gia-tin-omada-tis-makedonias-choris-to-voreia/