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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Prespa Agreement is a bilateral treaty between North Macedonia and Greece. As such, it is binding under international law. The agreement sets an example of reconciliation for the region and beyond. To date, both parties have publicly confirmed their commitment to abide by the Agreement. As recalled in the December 2023 Council Conclusions¹ and in the Commission's 2024 enlargement report on North Macedonia², the Prespa Agreement needs to be implemented in good faith by all parties.

The EU regretted the fact that the new President of North Macedonia did not use the constitutional name of the country during the swearing-in ceremony. After this event, the EU recalled again the importance of full respect for existing, legally binding agreements including the Prespa Agreement with Greece.

Good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation remain essential elements of the enlargement process. The Commission will continue to call for adherence to such bilateral agreements.

¹ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-16707-2023-INIT/en/pdf>

² SWD(2024) 693 final.