

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001967/24
to the Council
Nikolaos Anadiotis (NI)
(4 October 2024)**

Subject: Contempt for the Prespa Agreement shown towards 12 EU ambassadors and four representatives of European bodies

From the date when she was sworn in on 12 May 2024 until the present, President Gordana Siljanovska, as ‘President of Macedonia’, has been engaged in violating the Prespa Agreement. From the very first of her meetings in the city of Skopje with ambassadors of Member States (Czechia, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Poland, Hungary, Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Slovakia, Germany, Croatia and Sweden) and representatives of European bodies [the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the OSCE and the European External Action Service (EEAS)], among others, she issued official communications that referred to the country as ‘Macedonia’.

Five hundred incidents of this kind have been recorded; they are not merely violations, but constitute systematic ‘material breaches’, according to the international terminology ⁽¹⁾. It should be borne in mind that, pursuant to the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, for a bilateral treaty, when one party is in ‘material breach’ of the treaty the other party is entitled to request the suspension and termination of that treaty (Article 60(1)).

In view of the above:

1. Is the Council aware of the contempt for the Prespa Agreement, the Member States and the European institutions shown by President Siljanovska, who is a head of state, and what is more, of a country that is a candidate for accession?
2. How does it intend to formally express its displeasure?

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**Reply
(16 December 2024)**

As set out in successive Council conclusions, the Council has repeatedly emphasised to North Macedonia the importance of good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation.

The Council has also consistently called on North Macedonia to achieve tangible results and implement bilateral agreements in good faith, including the Prespa agreement with Greece.

¹ <https://www.epitropiellinismou.gr/post/3080>