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The Prespa Agreement between the Republic of North Macedonia and Greece, which is binding under international law, is a cornerstone of regional stability and an example of reconciliation for the Western Balkans and beyond. As highlighted in the December 2024 Council conclusions¹, in the 2024 Commission enlargement package² and, recently, in the European Parliament resolution of 9 July 2025 on the 2023 and 2024 Commission reports on North Macedonia³, it is crucial that all parties fully implement the agreement in good faith and achieve concrete outcomes.

The enlargement process is and will remain a merit-based process. Good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation form an essential part of North Macedonia's EU integration process. They contribute to stability, reconciliation and a climate conducive to addressing open bilateral issues and legacies of the past.

The Commission continues to actively engage with North Macedonia to ensure that bilateral agreements with neighbouring countries remain unchallenged and are fully upheld.

The Commission will continue to support North Macedonia in all efforts to build trust with countries in the region.

¹ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-16983-2024-INIT/en/pdf>.

² SWD(2024) 693 final.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2025-0157_EN.pdf.