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EU Statement on under AOB

As stated by HR/VP Mogherini and Commissioner Hahn, on 30 September, citizens of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had the opportunity to vote for the future of their country. In a peaceful and democratic vote an overwhelming majority of those who exercised their right to vote said yes to the Prespa agreement on the name issue and their European path.

The Parliament will now be called upon to proceed with the next steps for the implementation of the name agreement by deciding on the adoption of the constitutional changes.

This is a historic opportunity not only for further stabilisation in the region, but also for decisively moving the country forward on its European Union path. It is for all political and institutional actors now to act within their constitutional responsibilities beyond party political lines. The European Union will continue to fully support and accompany the country, its institutions and all its citizens.

The Candidate Countries MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, as well as UKRAINE and the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA align themselves with this statement.

* Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.