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Madam Chairperson,

I thank the distinguished Turkish and US representatives for their kind words. I have nothing to add to their eloquent statements or, indeed, to the EU Presidency statement of 23 March, which I understand will be distributed to all delegations shortly.

I just want to reassure you all of the firm resolve of my Government and the people of my country to ensure that also voting in the 5 April second round be safe, free and fair thereby fulfilling one of the key conditions for European integration of the Republic of Macedonia.