



THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Athens, 3 October 2012

*H.E. Mr Nikola Poposki  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
Skopje*

*Dear Colleague,*

*Further to our recent meeting in New York and to the exchange of letters between our respective Prime-Ministers and in an effort to find common ground which will allow us to move qualitatively forward in the ongoing negotiations on the name issue under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his Personal Envoy, Mr. Matthew Nimetz, I hereby enclose a draft Memorandum of Understanding to be agreed and signed by the two sides, outlining the basic parameters of a possible mutually acceptable solution, which provides the framework within which these negotiations are to proceed.*

*Moreover, given the need to further improve the relations between our two countries on all levels, the proposed draft MOU includes the general principles governing good-neighbourly relations, the respect of which is essential in our efforts to consolidate peace, prosperity and mutual understanding in our region.*

*I am certain that you will agree with me, dear Colleague, that we have an obligation to approach the negotiations on the name issue in good faith and in a constructive manner. Reaching a mutually acceptable solution to this long-standing issue will invariably lead to the full normalization of our relations and to the fulfillment of the aspirations of both our peoples.*

*Both the Head of our Liaison Office in Skopje and the competent department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as our representative to the negotiations, Ambassador Vassilakis, are at your disposal in order to take this initiative forward.*

*Confident that we share an honest desire to enhance and reinforce good-neighbourliness between our two countries and in our region, please accept, dear Colleague, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Sincerely*

*11/10/12*

*Dimitris L. Avramopoulos*