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**STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF
MACEDONIA**

The European Union congratulates Mr Boris Trajkovski on his election as President of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The European Union calls for all the political forces in the country to respect the final results of the election. The EU invites the people of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to give the newly elected President all the support he needs for his constitutional functions.

The European Union encourages all the political forces to continue on the path of democratic and market reforms and ethnic reconciliation, which are important to the stability and development of the country. The European Union reaffirms its intention to develop the co-operation with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in view of promoting further progress towards upgraded relations.
