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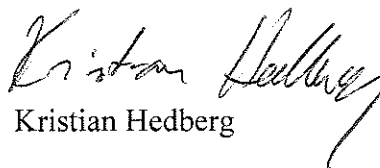
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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 27 September concerning the "Macedonian Encyclopaedia". Mr Rehn has asked me to reply. I would like to assure you that the European Commission values highly the multi-ethnic character of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and, at the same time, attaches great importance to good neighbourly relations.

Our Delegation in Skopje closely monitors all relevant developments and maintains a constant dialogue with the authorities on these matters. As a candidate country, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia needs to maintain European standards and best practice throughout the accession process.

Yours sincerely,

  
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