

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON ENHANCING SECURITY OF NATURAL GAS SUPPLY TO
NORTH MACEDONIA**

The representatives of the Republic of North Macedonia and the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

RECOGNIZING the strategic relationship between the Participants and long-standing cooperation in the fields of energy, commerce, security, and other fields;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the diversification of gas supplies and routes is vital for Europe's energy security, and that supply dependencies on Russia underscore the importance of resilient and varied energy sources, and that partnership with the United States is expected to reinforce North Macedonia's energy resilience and ensure secure, reliable access to natural gas;

RECALLING Russia's consistent threat to Europe's energy security in recent decades;

NOTING U.S. leadership in energy abundance, the objectives of enhanced regional integration, and enhanced transatlantic energy commerce;

CONSIDERING the increasing importance of liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects in countries across Europe, and the potential for North Macedonia to utilize its significant investments to contribute to energy security and economic prosperity in central and eastern Europe;

COMMENDING North Macedonia's commitment to regional efforts to enhance energy security by increasing connections with nearby countries and by entering into commercial contracts with U.S. LNG suppliers; and

SUPPORTING the shared urgency of reindustrializing manufacturing capacity through strategic policy, capital deployment, and supply chain derisking, particularly to facilitate energy system and infrastructure deployment and expansion as a means of driving mutual prosperity, economic resilience, and national security;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

The Participants seek to enhance the strength of natural gas markets, taking full advantage of existing infrastructure while making additions, as needed, to increase deliveries and build economies of scale in order to meet strategic energy priorities.

The Participants seek to continue their cooperation to promote transparent and non-discriminatory access to gas infrastructure in central and eastern Europe to enhance security of natural gas supplies for North Macedonia and its neighbors.

The Participants intend to work to increase gas market transparency, harmonize gas exchanges, promote efficient and cost-effective tariff frameworks, and mitigate, or where possible, eliminate regulations that will hinder gas imports, the construction of new gas infrastructure, or the long-term stability of natural gas trade.

The Participants plan to explore public and private sector financing, including export credit agencies and multilateral financial institutions, to meet the key energy objective of ensuring the secure and affordable supply of natural gas to North Macedonia.

The Participants express their intention and desire to consult regularly to implement the principles of cooperation affirmed in this Memorandum of Understanding.

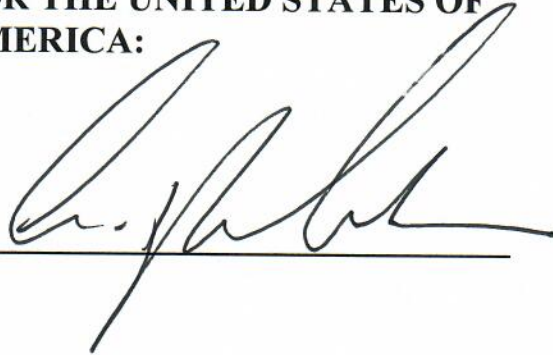
The Participants are united in their commitment to strengthen Europe's energy security and diversification, ensure a stable energy supply free from manipulation or coercion, and foster mutually beneficial opportunities for companies from the United States and North Macedonia.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Washington DC, on this 7th day of April 2026, in the English language. A Macedonian language text is intended to be prepared and is expected to be considered equally official upon an exchange of diplomatic notes confirming its conformity with the English language text.

**FOR THE REPUBLIC OF
NORTH MACEDONIA:**

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**FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA:**

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