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Date: 16-01-2025 Skopje

To: European Commission
Directorate – General for the Budget –
Unit E-3 “Borrowing and Lending operations”
Attn: Head of Unit
L-2920 Luxembourg

Subject: European Union Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans
Request for Payment for Loan Instalment

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to Regulation (EU) 2024/1449, notably Article 21 thereof, and the Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") dated 27.02.2025 between the European Union, represented by the European Commission (the "Lender"), and the Republic of North Macedonia (the "Borrower"). Terms defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the same meaning herein.

We confirm that the relevant qualitative and quantitative steps set out in the Commission Implementing Decision have been satisfactorily fulfilled and we hereby request the disbursement of EUR 42,827,685.19. We have provided the due justification of this payment request. We confirm that measures related to previously satisfactorily fulfilled qualitative and quantitative steps have not been reversed.

1. We hereby irrevocably request that Loan Instalments be disbursed under and in accordance with the Loan Agreement upon the following terms:
 - a. Total principal amount of the Loan Instalment: up to EUR 42,827,685.19.
 - b. We request a Cost of Funding, Cost of Liquidity Management and Cost of Service for the Loan Instalment based on the Cost Allocation Methodology.
 - c. The Maturity Date of the Loan Instalment shall not exceed 40 years with amortised repayment of principal starting after a grace period of 10 years.
 - d. The Loan Instalment shall be disbursed in one instalment or several Tranches.

2. We acknowledge and agree that the Disbursement shall be in accordance with and subject to:
 - a. the Lender being satisfied at all times that the corresponding funds are available to it

from counterparties in the international capital markets on terms and conditions that are acceptable to it;

- b. the Lender having previously obtained through Funding Instruments the funds requested in this Request for Payment. We irrevocably undertake to pay any fees, costs and expenses, including if applicable breakage costs and Cost of Liquidity Management, calculated according to the Cost Allocation Methodology. We irrevocably undertake to bear the costs of implementation and any fees due in respect of the implementation of the EWBIF in accordance with its General Conditions;
- c. the issue by the Lender, in due course, of a Confirmation Notice

3. We confirm that:

- The list of authorised signatories sent on behalf of the Borrower by the Minister of Finance on 09.04.2025 remains valid and applicable.
- No event has occurred that would render incorrect any statement made in the Legal Opinion issued on 13.03.2025.
- No Event of Default has occurred.

Minister of Finance
Gordana Dimitrieska - Kochoska, MA



Cc: National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia