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REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

Skopje, 14 March 2025

Ambassador Michalis Rokas
Delegation of the EU in the Republic of North Macedonia
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I declare that, for the implementation of the EU financial assistance to North Macedonia under the Facility for the period Q4/24 (28 February 2025), based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal, as well as on the evidence enclosed, the payment conditions set out in the North Macedonia's Reform Agenda for the following steps have been fulfilled:

Reform	Step	Financial Value
1.1.1: Strengthen Public Internal Financial Control	1.1: PIFC Law is adopted by the Parliament	EUR 4,281,623.70
1.1.3: Full implementation of the 2022 Organic Budget Law, including reform in Public Investment Management	1.2 Adoption of at least 17 bylaws foreseen in the Organic Budget Law, including establishing of the registry of public entities (Art 4), revision of the budget classification (art 5) and reduction of the number of primary ("parent") budget users by at least 40% in the administrative classification and Public Investment Management Decree (art 20)	EUR 4,281,623.70
2.1.2.1: Implementation of climate and energy policies and measures as foreseen in the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP)	Governance structures foreseen in the Just Transition Roadmap are operational and have approved the annual implementation plan for 2025	EUR 2,140,811.85
4.1.5: Reform the governance of State-Owned Enterprises with focus on the Railways and Postal services	Amend corporate law to introduce new rules on the appointment of independent board members of State-Owned Companies	EUR 4,281,623.70

5.2.1: Improve judicial integrity by revising the processes of recruitment, selection, appointment, appraisal, promotion, transfer and dismissal of judges and prosecutors	The vacant positions for judges and prosecutors are filled on regular basis based on the projections by the Judicial Council/Council of Public Prosecutors following the implementation of the Human resources management strategies in courts/PPOs	EUR 2,140,811.85
		Total EUR 17,126,494.79

On the basis of the above I request that the amount of EUR **17,126,494.79** is made available, EUR **(7,967,941.43)** disbursed directly to the treasury of North Macedonia, and EUR **(9,158,553.37)** to be made available through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which EUR **(4,243,463.06)** in the form of loans and EUR **(4,915,090.31)** in the form of non-repayable support¹².

I hereby attach an assessment of each step, the required evidence showing the satisfactory fulfilment of the qualitative and quantitative steps set out in the relevant Annex to the Commission implementing decision³ and other information requested as per Article 14 of the Facility Agreement.

Skopje, 14 March 2025

Signature of the Coordinator

Murtezam Orhan

Minister for European Affairs and National RGF Coordinator

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- ¹ Subject to rules laid down in Articles 16 and 17, each instalment shall draw from the indicative financial contributions set out in Article 2 paragraph 2, as follows: a) 28.7% from the non-repayable support and 24.8% from the loan support, in sum 53.5%, to be made available through the Western Balkans Investments Framework (WBIF), and b) 46.5% from the loan support to be channelled directly to the treasury.
- ² A condition precedent to the disbursement of the loan to the Treasury, to be channelled to the WBIF, is the submission of the signed contribution arrangement with the WBIF. This signed arrangement must be provided before any loan disbursements are processed.
- ³ Reference of CID (2024)7375, 23.10.2024